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*‡	City of Manchester	5,551	„ 14	„ 29	„ 30	„ 1
†	Merton Hall	4,327	„ 22	„ 21	Sep. 7	Oct. 1
*‡	City of York	7,705	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Nov. 1	Nov. 25
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
SMALL CAUSES COURT.
Suit No. 441-19850 of 1906.

KHOOMA JETHA, KASTOORCHAND TULLA, DOOLA DEVICHAND, SARIMALL KHOOMA, and PUNNA TEJA, carrying on business in the name and style of KHOOMA JETHAJI, as Shroffs, at Bhendy Bazar, outside the Fort of Bombay .... Plaintiffs.

vs.

MAMDOO JAMAL, KARIM NATHOO. KASSAM MAMDOO, formerly doing business in Milk, residing near Bhendy Bazar, outside the Fort of Bombay...... Defendants.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a Warrant of sale of Immoveable property, dated the 23rd day of March, 1907, the Sheriff has been directed TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the instance of the Plaintiffs abovenamed, all the right, title and interest of the 2nd Defendant, Karrim Nathoo, in the following property :—

All that piece or parcel of quit and ground rent land with the premises standing thereon, situate at 1st Cooper Street, near Bhendy Bazar, in the Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 171 square yards or thereabouts, bearing Collector's Old No. 2669, Collector's New No. 9313, Old Survey No. 1198, and New Survey No. 4554, and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward C No. 7942, Street No. 7, and bounded as follows : *i.e.*, on or towards the East by the property of Vasta Keshavjee, on or towards the West by the property, formerl, belonged to Mahomedally Dawoodjee Sure and now that of Sullemanjee Shaikbhai Dholajiwala, on or towards the North by the public passage, (1st Copper Street), on or towards the South by the property of Pallonjee Hormusjee.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having rights or charges or claims on the abovenamed property (other claims involving an obejction to the attachment or seeking the removal of the same) that they should, on or before the 20th day of May, 1907, lodge in my Office a statement verified by oath or solemn affirmation of such rights, claims or charges.—Dated this 15th day of April, 1907.

K. F. MODI,
Assistant Commissioner.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
SMALL CAUSES COURT.
Suit No. 313/14446 of 1906.

KHOOMA JETHA, CASTOORCHAND TULLA, SARIMALL KHOOMA, DOOLA DEVICHAND and PUNNA TEJA, carrying on business as Shroffs, at Bhendy Bazar, outside the Fort of Bombay .... Plaintiffs.

vs.

KARIM NATHOO, 2 MANOOBAI widow of Madar, 3. MAMDOO JAMAL, carrying on business in Milk, at Seven Road and at Bhendy Bazar, Bombay............ Defendants.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a Warrant of sale of immoveable property, dated the 23rd day of March, 1907, the Sheriff has been directed TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the instance of the Plaintiffs abovenamed all the right, title and interest of the 2nd Defendant Manoobai, widow of Madar Jani Gowlee, in the following property :—

All that piece or parcel of quit or ground rent land with premises standing thereon, situate at 1st Copper Street, near Bhendy Bazar, in the sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 171 square yards or thereabouts, bearing Collector's Old No. 2669, Collector's New No. 9313, Old Survey No. 1198, and New Survey No. 4554, and Assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 7942, Street No. 7, and bounded as follows :—i. e. on or towards the East by the property of Vasta Keshavjee, on or towards the West by the property, formerly belonged to Mahomedally Dawoodjee Sure and now that of Sullemanjee Shaikbhai Dhulajiwalla, on or towards the North by the Public passage (1st Copper Street), and on or towards the South by the property of Pallonjee Hormusjee.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having rights in or charges or claims on the abovenamed property (other than claims involving an objection to the attachment or seeking the removal of the same) that they should, on or before the 20th day of May, 1907, lodge in my Office a statement verified by oath or solemn affirmation of such rights, claims or charges.—Dated this 15th day of April, 1907.

K. F. MODY,
Assistant Commissioner.

APPLICATIONS are invited by May 15th 1907, for ADMISSION to the Central Police Training School, in accordance with the conditions published on pages 494-95, Part I, of the Bombay Government Gazette of the 19th April, 1906.

R. B. STEWART,
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POONA, 27TH APRIL, 1907.

THE STANDARD MILLS COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the Sixteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, held on Friday, the 19th April, 1907, a DIVIDEND, at the Rate of Rs. 80 per Whole Share, and at Rs. 20 per Quarter Share, free of Income Tax, for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1906, has been declared payable at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 7, Esplande Road, on and after WEDNESDAY, the 1st May, 1907, between 11-30 A.M. and 3-30 P.M. (Standard Time), to Shareholders whose names stood on the Company's Register on the 18th April, 1907, on production of their Share Certificates.

By Order,
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BOMBAY, 19TH APRIL 1907.

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By Order of the Board,
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BOMBAY, 30th APRIL, 1907.

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The Greatest Game I ever Played in.

A. A. Lilley,
How to Brighten Cricket.

A. O. Jones,
The Virtue of Hitting Hard and Hitting Often.

J. T. Tyldesley,
The Art and Advantage of Forcing the Game.

A. C. MacLaren,
How Good Fielding Helps the Bowler.

B. J. T. Bosanquet,
The Value of Unorthodox Cricket.

A. E. Knight,
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Bulimba	1607	McLean			M M & Co
Crusader	2744	Millburn			W & A G & Co
Dumra	763	Cutbush			M M & Co
Flamingo	2150	Mackintosh			Corry Bros & Co
Goalpara	1358	Morrison			M M & Co
Hendon Hall	2588	Tyson			K Nixon & Co
Malta	6060	Peters	M'Goa	14-5	P and O Co
Madura	1273	Eltoa			MM & Co
Nseri	911	Primrose			B & P S N Co
Onipenta	3420	Hill			M M & Co
Oriental	3805	Lewellen		25-3	P & O Co
Reichstag	1339	Thle	Durban	17-5	A Strandes
Shanjehan	2566	Davison			Shah S N Co
Shirala	2400	Scott			M M & Co
Sirsa	1675	Kendall			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—April 30.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date	Agents.
A	Huntsman	4827	Rhodes	L'pool	9-5	K N & Co
B	Larne	2709	Atkinson	M'Goa	2-5	F Muir & Co
C & R	Sutton Hall	2870	Mayall	K'chi	1-5	K N & Co
D & E	Dido	3127	Pickering	Hull via K'chi	1-5	F M & Co
F	Oceana	3507	Hayward	Shanghai	1-5	P and O Co
H	Produce	743	Winsers	Durban	11-5	Glade & Co
M	Sultan	1781	Ulrich	Z'bar	3-5	A Strandes
N	Hindoo	3156	Jones	Hull via K'chi	7-5	F Muir & Co
O	Shah Noor	2783	Foster	Jedah	29-4	The Shah S N Co
O	Xema	446	Mahomed	K'chi	4-5	Shah S N Co
P	Clan Stuart	2295	Walker	Avonmouth	2-5	F Muir & Co
Q	Abergeldie	2438	Keith	Hull	2-5	T Morrison & Co
	H M S Highflyer		Capt Hickley			R N

VICTORIA DOCK.

1	Culna	3963	Maclachlan	A'werp	1-5	M M'zie & Co
2	Olympia	3269	Osborne	L'pool	4-5	W & A G & Co
3	Asia	3389	Shanklin	L'pool	5-5	W & A G & Co
4	Sirocco	2349	Owen	Dunkirk	4-5	W & A G & Co
5	Othello	3327	Bradby	Hull	11-5	F Muir & Co
6	Itola	3402	Hirst	Hamburg	3-5	M M & Co
7	Chancellar	2957	Davald	Havre	11-5	K N & Co
8	Koerber	3163	Foresti	Trieste	1-5	A L S N Co
9	Rothenfels	3590	Freeden	Hamburg	5-5	Glade & Co
12	Arabia	4167	Leigh	London	11-5	P & O Co
15	Onda	3400	Lunarchand	Antwerp	4-5	M M & Co

ARRIVAL.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
30	Madura s	Elton	Busreh, Apr 19

DEPARTURES.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
30	Majidi s Voswaerts s	Coates Colledani	Calcutta Trieste, &c

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday :—

Steamer Oceana, Hayward, for Shanghai
" Sutton, Hall, Mayall for Liverpool, &c
" Dido, Pickering, for Hull, &c
" Koerber, Foreste, for Trieste, &c
" Culna, Maclachlan, for Antwerp, &c

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Crusader, for Antwerp, &c
" Sirsa, for Calcutta, &c

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P and O Co's steamer Somali, arrived at Suez from Colombo on the morning of the 29th instant.

The P and O Co's steamer Moldavia, arrived at Suez from Colombo on the afternoon of the 28th instant.

DAILY EXPORTS.—APRIL 30.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Asia s—800 cwts wheat, Sanday and Co; 35 bales wool, R Dossa and Co; 81 bales wool, J Moolchand; 3,000 cwts kurdi cake, Glade and Co; 100 bales cotton waste, N Damjee; 60 cwts cold copper coins, H Narayen; 58 bales wool, David Sassoan and Co; 500 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

Olympia s—500 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

Huntsman s—1,020 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—150 cwts borns, E Mohamed; 2,000 cwts myraballams, G Madhawjee and Co; 2,200 cwts myraballams, David Sassoon and Co; 99 bales hemp, Ebjee Oomersey; 2,488 cwts myraballams, Ebjee Oomersey.

FOR GLASGOW.

Asia s—100 bales hemp, P Bhimji.

FOR HULL.

Othello s—12,000 cwts castorseed and 22,000 cwts cottonseed, Louis Dreyfus and Co; 6,000 cwts cottonseed, Volkart Bros: 321 cwts cottonseed, David Sassoon and Co.

Hindoo s—2,000 cwts cottonseed, David Sassoon and Co; 2,000 cwts cottonseed, G Madhavji and Co: 4,000 cwts cottonseed, M Vulhbhdas; 4,000 cwts castorseed, L Dreyfus and Co.

Dido s—580 cwts cottonseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR ALICANTE.

Olympia s—105 bales cottonfly, N Damjee.

FOR HAVRA.

Chancellor s—400 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 3,000 cwts linseed, 4,000 cwts rapeseed and 1,000 cwts mustardseed, Volkart Bros.

FOR ROTTERDAM.

Othello s—25 cases bristles, Schroder Smidt and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Abergeldie s—105 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Culna s—2 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

Ouda s—1,001 cwts myraballams, W Bechar; 1,000 tons manganese ore, D B Lam and Co; 1,000 tons manganese ore, Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Sirocco s—650 bales cotton, E S Spinner and Co; 6,000 cwts rapeseed, and 1,000 cwts linseed, Volkart Bros; 5,860 cwts poppyseed. L Dreyfees and Co.

Crusader s—1,500 cwts myrabollam, W Becher.

Huntsman s—4,500 cwts poppyseed, and 4,728 cwts rapeseed, Louis Dreyfus and Co; 2,000 cwts rapseed David Sassoon and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Onda s—58 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Rotenfels s—220 bales cotton, Vatchaghandy and sons; 1 bale carpets, Glade and Co; 55 bales cotton, Glade and Co; 6,400 cwts bonemeal E C Nanji; 189 cwts Olibanum L Pursotam; 825 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

Itola s—66 bales hemp, R Reeve and Co; 197 bales cotton, W Wolf and sons; 22 bales hides, Nizamudm and Co; 5 bales cotton waste, K Huomukhroy and Co; 105 bales cotton fly, N Damji; 85 bales hemp R Reeve and Co.

Spithead s—2,882 cwts bonesmeal M Jamal; 4,000 cwts bonemeal R Kaderbhoy; 141 bales cotton and 40 bales cotton fly W Wolf and Sons.

FOR BREMEN.

Rotenfels s—25 bales twist, J A Begbie and Co; 2,001 cwt poppyseed, E D Sassoons and Co; 110 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Olympia s—4 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR HONGKONG.

Oceana s—65 chests opium, C Ebrahim and Co; 16 chests opium, C Bomanji and Co; 13 chests opium, Pherozshah B Patel and Co; 54 chest opium M H E Elleas; 25 chest opium, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Oceana s—55 chests opium David Sassoon and Co; 55 chest opium A E J Abraham, 49 chests opium, C Ebrahim and Co; 52 chests opium, E D Sassoon and Co 9 1/2 chests opium, C Bomonji and Co,

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *April* 29.] [BOMBAY, *April* 30.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols	85⅝		1/16
3 do. Rentes	94¼	un	chgd
3½ do. Sterling Loan	99½		¼
3½ do. Govt. Securities	65 11/16	1/16	
Bar Silver in London	30½		
Do. do. 2 months' hence	30⅜		
Do. in New York	66⅛	¼	
Exchange on London at Paris	25·15		
Do. do. do. Berlin	20·48		
Do. do. do. New York	4·86½	un	chgd
Discount Bank of England Rate	4%	Since	25 Apl
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	3¼%	⅛	
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	3¼%	un	chgd
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills	3½%	un	chgd
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	3⅜%	un	chgd
Interest Day-to-day Loans	2½%	⅛	
Do. 7-day Market Loans	2½	un	chgd

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate)... 1*s*. 3 31/32*d*. unchanged.
Bills on Bombay, Rs. 6,00,000 at 1*s*. 4 3/32*d*.

COTTON.

Liverpool :—

Spots	Quiet
Futures	Quiet
East Indian	Quiet
Manchester	Steady
Total Sales	8,000
Sold on Speculation and for Export	500
Imports	8,000
Mid-Americans	6·45
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown	Mutilated

Future Delivery Prices :—

Apl.-May.	May-June	June-July.	July-Aug.	
5·90 —03	5·90 —03	5·84 —02	5·80 —03	
Aug.-Sep.	Sep.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan
5·74 —03	5·69 —04	5·62 —07	5·61 —06	5·60 —07

New York :—

Receipts at U. S. Ports	12,000
Do. do. last year	16,000
Exports to Great Britain	15,000
Do. to Continent	14,000

Spot Cotton—11·30 unchanged

Futures—Month of July 9·98+06
Do. do. Dec. 10·22+07
Declined early owing to weak cables and advanced later through Bulls support and short covering.

New Orleans :—

Spot Cotton—11 3/16 + 1/16
Futures—Month of May Mutilated
Do. do. July Mutilated
Closing Tone of Futures—Steady

WHEAT.

Wheat afloat for U. K. Qrs. ... 3,570,000

SEEDS.

Rapeseed :—

Yellow Gujerat per 416 lbs. 85% ex-ship 53½ Apl.-May —Dunkirk—Sellers—Canal.

Yellow Cawnpore, per 416 lbs., 85% ex-ship 52 May-June—Dunkirk—Done—Canal.

Brown Cawnpore, 49½ May-June Antwerp—Done—Canal.

Linseed —

Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex-ship 45¼—April-May —Dunkirk—Sellers—Canal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee :—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) 6⅞ — ⅛

Rubber :—

Para Rubber 4s 10d.—Sellers.

ARRIVALS :—

"Austria," "Crostafels," "Hindustan."

SKIN SALES.

Goat skin sale closed to-day.
Total sold 1,072,000
Quiet and prices easier.
Goat skins, Madras—2d. to 3d. lower.
Goat skins, Bombay—3d. to 4d. lower.
Sheep skins, sale opened to-day.
Steady.
Sheep skin, 1d. lower.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
5 Bundles Sovereigns Gold Coins Rupees	Rs. 90 1,768 9,641	Muscat	Goalpara	Comptoir National
2 Cases Sovereigns	26,640	Jeddah	Majidi	Bombay and P'sia S N Co
1 Box Sovereigns Gold Coins	6,000 6,399	Aden	Arabia	A and J Laljee
1 Bundle Sovereigns Gold Coins	420 10,030	Aden	Arabia	E Khoshal
1 Box Gold Coins	13,486	Aden	Arabia	E Surufally & Co
1 Box Rupee	3,050	Mombassa	Sultan	A B A Baker
4 Box Specie	.....	Mangalore	Sirsa	Mint Master
6 Boxes Uncurrent Silver Coins	34,000	Calicut	Sirsa	Supdt V & P Docks

BOMBAY MARKETS.

TUESDAY EVENING,] 30TH APRIL, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money :—

Money is easy. Banks are not anxious to borrow at 5 per cent. to the end of June.

Exchange :—

The exchange Market has been quiet to-day. At opening the general selling rates were 1s 4 3/32d T.T. and 1s 4 1/8d on demand at which there has been a fair enquiry. In the morning several Banks named 1s 4 11/32d for 3 months sight credits but with no bills offering the rate at the close is 1s 4 5/16d 3 months sight. For June delivery bills can be placed at 1s 4 9/32d 3 months sight. For Eastern rates are steady.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 4 1/32d
Demand Draft	1s. 4⅛d.
Credits— 3 months' sight	1s. 4 5/32d.
Do. 6 months' sight	1s. 4 7/32
Do. 3 months' sight—Francs	171½
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks	129½
Hongkong—30 days' sight	156¼
Yokohama—30 days' sight	149½
Shanghai—30 days' sight	214

Government Paper :—

To day has been settling day in this Market and a fairly large business has resulted. In the morning ready paper was quoted at 98 at which a good deal was done but later on the quotation went to 67 15/16 at which we close steady. The 31st May settlement is quoted at 98 1/8, as against 98 3/8 which is the Calcutta rate for the same delivery.

We quote :—

Cash	97 15
1st Settlement	98 2

Bullion :—

The price of Bar Silver in London is firmer at 30 1/2 for ready and 30 3/8 for deliverp forward in two months, which New Yerk is 1/4 up at 66 1/8 The tendency of the local market has been firm and although the opening quotation was 78 13/16 ex duty there were buyers at the close at 78 1/16. A corresponding increase has taken place in forward rate which are noted below. Brr gold is steady.

We quote :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	2	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	1	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver *ex* Duty—Ready	79	1	0
Ditto 1st Settlement	78	15	0
Ditto 2nd Settlement	77	11	0

COTTON.

MARKET REPORT :—

There is little change to report in prices, but the tone is steadier, with a slightly better demand from exporters. Bengals are firm with business doing.

In ready cotton the turn over at Colaba was moderate. Shippers were buying much the same lines as yesterday, and mills were in the market for stapled descriptions and Muttias.

New Crop is steadier, but there is little doing.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach	258/59	May.
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti	221	"
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon	203/4	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola	197	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti	197	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish	172	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish	182	"
Fine M. G. Bengals	173	"
Good Westerns	231	"
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	240	"
NEW CROP.		
Good M. G. Broach	Rs. 246/7	May
Fully Good H. G. Bengals	" 177	do.
Fine M. G. Bengals	" 190/91	do.
" " Khangaum Akola	" 211	do.
Fully Good M. G. Khandeish	" 191	do.

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES—

Apl.-May	May-June	June-July	July-Aug.	
5·95 +05	5·95 +05	5·88 +04	5·85 +05	
Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan
5·79 +05	5·73 +04	5·66 +04	5·65 +04	5·64 +04

MISCELLANEOUS.

LINSEED—

The market continues firm, but the demand has fallen off somewhat. We quote.

Ready Rs. 7 8 6 to Rs. 7 9 0
May " 8 2 0

RAPESEED—

Prices are advancing, but in this market also the demand has slackened.

Brown Cawnpore ... Rs. 7 5 0
Yellow Guzerat ... " 9 2 0

Gingellyseed :—

Yellow Hingunghat ... Rs. 55 0 0
Tone—Quiet but Steady.

CASTORSEED :—

... Rs. 35 0 0
Tone—Easier.

COTTONSEED :—

... Rs. 19 0 0
Tone—Steadier. Business doing.

POPPYSEED :—

The market is firm with business doing at ... " 9 13 0

WHEAT :—

The market is firm and spectators are buying, but there is little doing otherwise.

White Delhi. ... ... Rs. 4 11 6

THE SHARE MARKET.

BANKS—	
Bombay	1,400
India	54¼
MILLS—	
David	365
Kohinoor	655
Manockji Petit	3,050
PRESSES—	
Breul's Cawnpore	210
Hingoli	125
MISCELLANEOUS—	
Bombay Steam Nav Preference	272¼
Colaba Land and Mill	905
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate	80
Treacher and Co.	590
RAILWAYS—	
Ahmedabad-Prantej	560
Amritsar-Patti	110
Tapti Valley	457 1/2

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday.

Cotton	20,497	bales.
Wheat	27,483	cwts.
Linseed	20,670	"
Rapeseed	46,356	"
Gingellyseed	398	"
Poppyseed	33,855	"
Groundnuts	589	"
Castorseed	9,858	"
Rice	3,266	"
Myrabollams	2,723	"
Cottonseed	30,292	"
Mowraseed	Nil	
Gram	6,998	"
Joowar	6,977	"
Maize	Nil	

INDIAN SPECIE BANK LD.

Directors' Report.

Your directors have much pleasure in submitting at the Bank's First Statutory Meeting their report of the progress made by the Bank.

The Bank was registered with limited liability on 17th November 1906, under Act VI of 1882, with a Capital of Rupees Two Crores.

The applications received up to 30th April, 1907, were for 102,161 shares.

Though the circumstances for raising the Capital of the Bank were not favourable after its registration, over Rs, One Crore and Two Lacs have been subscribed, and the Directors trust that the balanee of Rupees. Forty-eight Lacs will be subscribed before the end of the current year.

The Bank has commenced business in Bombay and at its branches in Surat, Ahmedabad and Karachi; and the first balance sheet of the Company will be prepared as on 30th June next and circulated amongst the shareholders.

Looking to the business already done by the Bank, the directors hope that they will be able to lay before the shareholders a satisfactory report of the working of the Bank.

All the directors of the Bank retire by virtue of article 66 of the Articles of Association of the Bank, but are eligible for re-election.

You have to appoint two auditors and fix their remuneration.

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A Condy's Fluid Bath imparts a Lasting sensation of Coolness, Freshness and Purity. It invigorates the body and braces the nerves. The Cooling effect is Simply Magical—It is so lasting.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

HYDE-WOLLASTON—April 23, at 4-1 Camac Street, Calcutta, the wife of A. Hyde-Wollaston, P. W. D. Accounts, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

AGACY—CATOR—April 17, at St. Thomas' Church, Middleton Row, by the Rev. Fr. Van de Mergel, S. J., Alfred James Agacy, second son of the late C. S. Agacy, Supdt. Bengal Police, to Audrey Emily Theodora Cator, daughter of the late Captain C. F. Cator, of the I. G. S. N. Company.

DEATH.

MRS. CHIRANJI LAL—March 30, at Ghazipur, Mrs. Chiranji Lal (Mother of Pandit Sri Lal, C. S.), aged 65.

NEW GOODS.

VIOLET OATMEAL SOAP.
Delicately Scented, Superfatted. Warranted, made from edible fat. Re. 1 per box of 3 cakes.
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ANTISEPTIC TOOTH-POWDER.
A refreshing antiseptic and detergent preparation in metal bottle with sliding distributor. Re. 1.

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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 12m.; Sun sets, 7h. 0m.; High water, 1-1m. 1-54a.; Low water, 6-56m., 7-40a.
Insolvency Court, vacation sitting.
Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m.
Sassoon Spinning and Weaving Company, 3 Forbes Street, 4 p. m.
Concert in aid of the Indo-British Schools, Y. M. C. A. Hall, 9-15 p.m.

POLICE NOTICE.—One iron support, a currency note, a bottle of whisky, some buttons, one peacock, some false coin, a key, four umbrellas, a candle lamp with globe, some pieces of cloth, a hand bag, one licensed badge, some cement, blue veil, a piece of silk cloth, and one helmet, have been taken charge of by the Police and await owners.

BAND AT THE COOPERAGE.—By kind permission of Lt.-Colonel J. S. MacNeill, V. D. and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 6-30 p.m. to-day.

March	Reinze	Richard Wagner
Overture	Poet and Peasant	Suppe
Selection	The Girl behind the Counter	Talbot
Valse	Andalusische Lubestraume	Waldtufel
Selection	The Coster Songs	Ch Godfrey
Polka Cornet Solo	The Friendly Rivals	Godfrey

LADY NORTHCOTE HINDOO ORPHANAGE.—The following donations have been received in aid of the above Institution :—Mr. Visanjee Tricumjee for one khandie of bajra, one of tuvar dal and one khandie of wheat Rs.252-12; Mr. Gordhandass Goculdass Tejpal, J. P. for two khandies of rice Rs. 104-8; Mr. Lakhmidass Goculdass Rs. 101; Mr. Kanjee Kalianjee for feast Rs. 41-2; Mr. Lakhmidass Morarjee for feast Rs.41; Mr. Chhotalal Kersondass Mooljee in memory of his deceased brother Mr. Amidass Rs. 25; Thakker Khimjee Dhunjee for two bags of moug Rs. 16-2; Mr. Jamnadass Girdhar, Rs. 15; Mr. Ramjee Vajpal through Mr. Chanabhai Jetha Rs. 15, Mr. Hansraj Mooljee Rs. 15; Mr. Rambhau Babajee Shete Bhivandiwala Rs. 10; Mr. Bhagwandass Morarjee Rs. 10; Swadeshi Avsan Shop (shop of selling goods of death ceremony for the Hindus) through Thakker Ratilal Mooljeebhai Rs. 5.

A USEFUL NEIGHBOUR.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, acting Superintendent C. Priestley charged Shanker Laxman and Raoji Rama for committing house-breaking and the theft of ornaments and wearing apparel, collectively valued at Rs. 361, the property of one Mr. Peter de Silva residing at Dadar. The evidence showed that on the night of the 26th ultimo, during the complainant's absence from home the accused broke open their padlock, entered his rooms, forced open his cupboards from which they removed all the property they could carry away. A neighbour heard the noise made by the thieves and he brought the police on the scene, and had the accused arrested. The accused who were very well known to the police, pleaded guilty to the charge. His Worship sentenced the first accused to one year's rigorous imprisonment, out of which one month was to be devoted to solitary confinement while the second accused was awarded two years' hard labour, including three months' solitary confinement.

CHOLERA AT BHAYANDER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I beg to state that cholera has been decimating Bhayander in Salsette, Thana District, since January last, and the number of deaths is increasing. Mr. Gomes, the well known patel of the village, whose loss is to be deplored, fell a victim to the disease on 6th January. Since then till Easter Sunday the village counted 40 deaths and from Easter Sunday till to-day the number of cases is 42 or thereabouts. It is the opinion of the people of Bhayander and it is also the opinion of people in Bombay who know the state of things that the present epidemic as well as the past epidemics are due to bad water, and that Bhayander will always be a prey to fell diseases as long as bad water is supplied. The only remedy to prevent those sad occurrences and save the place from gradual destruction is to provide good water. Bhayander has a large number of saltpans and a flourishing trade in salt, yielding Government an annual income of 18 lakhs of rupees or thereabout.—Yours, etc.,

RESIDENT.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	4	2	6
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	8	4	16
C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	14	11	20
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	6	5	12
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	14	11	26
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	5	5	11
G Mahim and Worli	4	3	9
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	7	13
Total	55	48	113
Total plague deaths to date	140,374		
Same date last year	169	147	234

SPORTING NEWS.

LAWN TENNIS.

Bombay Gymkhana Handicaps

Considerable progress has of late been made with the Lawn Tennis Handicaps at the Bombay Gymkhana and both the second round of the Singles and first round of the Doubles are nearing completion.

In the Singles the back marker, W. Reid, has won his second game fairly comfortably after losing the first game of the sett. Sturrock, Thomson, Sanderson and Bean are all going well and this points, as mentioned before, to the players with minuses being amongst the last few left in whereas Dawson seems the most likely of the scratch men. Yesterday's game was between Sanderson and Boggs and eventuated in a win for youth by a very substantial margin; Boggs being quite out of form.

In the Doubles again W. Reid and Capt. Keys, the back markers at a very big handicap of 40, won very comfortably from Williams and that at scratch and should go a long way as they play well together and are difficult to corner; Keys being nippy though somewhat erratic. According to the dates on which the rounds are to be played off they are well up to time.

Following is the way the tables stand at present :—

SINGLES.

R J Brown G Sturrock	plus ·4 bye — ·4 bye		Sturrock 6-3 6-1
T D Parry R Peel	plus 15·3 plus ·3	Parry 6-1, 6-0	Reid 4-6, 6-3, 6-3
W Reid S Clements	— 40·3 scr.	Reid, 6-2, 6-0	
C B Gannen C Thomson	plus 15 — 15	Thomson 6-5, 6-4	Thomson 6-4, 6-5
C L Spalding A L Roberts	scr. scr.	Roberts 6-1, 6-0	
E B Ousely G Hately	scr. scr.	Ouseley 3-6, 6-5, 6-4	Dawson 6-1, 6-4
L H Savile G W Dawson	— ·2 scr.	Dawson 5-6, 6-1, 6-4	
J L Williams C H S Boggs	scr. — 15	Boggs 6-0, 6-2	Sanderson 6-1, 6-2
P M D Sanderson G de Rhe Phillipe	— 15·4 — 15·2	Sanderson 4-6, 6-4, 6-4	
B S Carter J H Robinson	scr. — ·4	Robinson 6-2, 6-2	
W F Ross F Portlock	scr — ·4	Portlock w.o.	
F L Gore E E Hill	plus 5·3 plus ·3	Hill 6-2, 6-0	Bean 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
S M L Bean K Kennedy	— 15·2 bye scr. bye		Horne 6-5 6-3
J J Horne	scr. bye		

2nd round to be played off by 4th May
3rd " " 8th "
Semi-final " " 11th "
Final " " 15th "

DOUBLES.

		1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Semi Final	Final
C H S Boggs G B Coleman	— ·4	bye				
B Hope G Sturrock	scr.	bye				
F Portlock A E Baker	— ·4	bye				
E E Savi T D Parry	plus ·3	bye				
W R Sharp E E de W Abney	plus ·5	bye	Horne & Angove 6-3, 5-6, 6-4			
J J Horne C St A Angove	plus ·3	bye				
E B Ouseley R J Brown	plus ·3		Brown & Ouseley 6-3, 5-6, 6-3			
A L Soberts H Cheetham	— 15·4					
J H Robinson P M D Sanderson	— 15·3		Sanderson & Robinson, 6-4, 6-2			
W P Peachey B S Carter	— ·4					
W Reid Capt W D Keys	— 40		Reid & Keys 6-1, 3-6 6-3			
J L Williams H B Hart	scr					
L H Savile S N Powell	— ·4	bye				
K Kennedy G de Rhe Phillipe	— 15	bye				
C B Gannon R Peel	plus 15	bye				
E E Coombs E H Curling	Scr	bye	Thomson and Bean 6-5, 6-3			
C Thomson S M L Bean	— 30	bye				
D B Binning H B Saxley	— ·4	bye				
G G Hatley S Clements	plus ·4	bye				

2nd round to be played by 4th May.
3rd " " 8th "
Semi-final " " 11th "
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COMMERCIAL GYMKHANA TOURNAMENT.

The first Tournament organised by the newly formed Commercial Gymkhana has now reach the final after a series of interesting Handicap game. Doubles and 4 1/2. Mixed Doubles are also in progress and may be expected to conclude very shortly

In the Men's singles the finalists are Tweddle and Bryping who have come out on the top of their respective divisions of the table. Both are on minus marks of 30 which shows the handicapper did all in his power to level up matters and Tweddle only won his last game by 5-7, 7-5, 6-4 whereas Bryning has won his comparatively easily.

Following is the table :—

G Tweddle — 30	bye	Tweddle 6-1, 4-6, 6-4	Tweddle 5-7, 7-5, 6-4	
A S Smith Scr E Bollam — 30	Smith 7-5, 6-4			
J O White + 4 15 C W Chapman — 15	Chapman 6-3, 3-6, 6-4	Wilson 6-2, 6-2		
F W Petch + 30 G H Wilson — 4 30	Wilson W O			
J C Rath — 30 H E Bryning — 30	Bryning 6-4, 6-4	Bryning 6-2, 6-3	Bryning 6-4, 6-4	
E Gershon + 4 15 P W Thornbery — 15¼	Thornbery 2-6, 6-3, 6-3			
G Pickard Scr W A Strevens Scr	Strevens 6-3, 6-1	Strevens 8-6, 6-3		
W Newman + 15	bye			

POONA BOXING TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, APRIL 29.

OFFICERS' MIDDLE WEIGHTS—Finals.

Lieutenant Carlisle of the 114th Infantry versus Lieutenant Leapinwell of the 97th Infantry.

Carlisle won the fight which was interesting throughout although Leapinwell fought with a determination worthy to uphold the traditions of the British Army Officers. His face was covered in blood and marked on the body. At the end of the third round, he managed to make matters even and an extra round was ordered. In the last round Carlisle showing superior points was given the decision.

LIGHT WEIGHTS—Second Round.

Driver Sullivan of the 29th Field Battery, Royal Field Artillery versus Private Shepherd of the Leicesters.

Shepherd won. Sullivan unfortunately at the end of the second round put his wrist out and gave in.

Driver Imber of the 40th Battery, Royal Field Artillery versus Lance Corporal Watson of the Worcesters.

Imber won. The fight was well fought throughout and in the second round Watson got home a perfect rib roaster on Imber who, however, managed to recover on the call of time. In the third round honors were even, and an extra round was ordered when Imber won on points.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS—Second Round.

Corporal Barrett of the Royal Engineers versus Corporal Richardson of the Royal Scotts.

Richardson won, the fight only lasting two rounds, Barrett giving in.

Private Cook of the Worcesters versus Private Matheson of the Seaforths.

Cook won. Matheson evidently from the first endeavoured to obtain a knock out and in the third round planted several heavy blows under Cook's heart, but Cook stuck to his guns and won on points.

POONA, APRIL 30.

The fifth night of the Poona Boxing Tournament opened with another lucky spell of fair weather. The fighting was again of an exceedingly good nature throughout, and the losers in most cases deserve all credit for the sporting spirit which they showed even when the odds were dead against them. A record house attended to witness the boxing and appreciation was evident by the silence that prevailed during the bouts and agreement with the popular umpire Captain Umfreville's decisions.

FEATHER WEIGHTS.—Third Round.

Private McCartney, Connaught Rangers vs. Private Richardson, Leicesters. McCartney won. Both men fought scientifically and with a will. Richardson pressed his opponent in the first two rounds, but McCartney was too quick for him and lodged the terrific swings aimed for the mark. In the third round McCartney turned the tables and won on points.

The fight between Private Sullivan, East Lancs, and Private Blake, Middlesex, was postponed on account of Sullivan being sick. The fight will therefore take place to-morrow night.

Lance. Corporal Martin, East Surreys, versus Volunteer Gill, Bombay Rifles. Martin won. Gill fought well, but in the second round was laid low with a terrific swing on the jaw and was only saved by the call of time. In the third round Martin pursued his advantage and Gill who was evidently groggy from the effects of the second round gave in.

Private Besrnsley, Lincolns, versus Private Tucker Worcesters. Tucker won. The pair went at if hammer and tongs in the first round but neither got what they wanted viz., a knock out. In second and third rounds they acted more cautiously and Tucker won on points.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.—Third Round.

The fight between Lance-Corporal Leason Connaught Rangers, and Driver Cooper, "S" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, was cancelled owing to Driver Cooper having an injured rib. Private Stanley, Liecesters, vs. Driver Imber, 40th Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Stanley won. Nothing of any importance was done in the first round, Imber apparently waiting for a knock out. In the third round both warmed to their work and put in heavy body blows, honours being even, an extra round was ordered and it was hard to discriminate between the two. The decision was given to Stanley.

Private Shepherd, Leicesters, versus Corporal Haynes, South Stafford, Haines won. Both the men showed caution, but Haines is a really good boxer and has a splendid guard. Honours were even in the third round; an extra round was ordered, Haines gaining the decision on points.

Private Makins, Lincolns, versus Driver Edwards, 2nd Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Makins won. On a foul in the second round Edwards was cautioned for backhanded hits and repeating the offence he was disqualified.

BANTAM WEIGHTS.—Semi-final.

Private Evans, Royal Scots, versus Lance Corporal Garner. Worcesters Evans, won. The fight was really interesting both the antagonists fighting with spirit. Evans had his oponent beaten in the middle of the third round, but Garner stuck to his guns. Evans won on points.

AN ALLEGED CASE OF CHEATING.

At the Small Causes Court, before his Honour the learned Fifth Judge, Mr. Javeri, one Vittoba Jayaram, the applicant, asked for a notice to be issued against the respondent, T. Ragavajee, to show cause why sanction should not be granted against the respondent for prosecuting him for fabricating false evidence in that he (the respondent) having received two sums of Rs. 14 each from a defendant in the suit and for having only entered Rs. 4 in the place of Rs. 14 on one occasion and for having entered Rs. 4-8 instead of Rs. 14 on another occasion and not crediting it anywhere in the books of account. Mr. Vijayakar appeared for the applicant and Mr. Billimoria for the respondent.

It was urged on behalf of the respondent that he did not make the said entries with the immediate intention of fabricating false evidence. He did not then know of a prospective Judicial proceeding and the Court should not grant any sanction for prosecution unless it is satisfied what the intention of the respondent was.

Mr. Vijayakar on behalf of the applicant urged that his client was respondent's assignee and the decree in the suit had been transfered to his clien under a deed of assignment. The respondent himself in his own handwriting totaled both ides of the defendant's *katha* (account book) and found a balance of Rs. 47 14-6 against the defendant and had filed a suit on that *katha* himself and obtained a decree. Afterwards he received the first sum of Rs. 14 from the defendant and credited Rs. 4 instead in this *katha*. He afterwards received Rs. 14 but did not enter that amount anywhere. The object of these books of account of merchants is, Mr. Vijayakar said, primarily to keep their accounts between themselves and their customers and secondarily, in cases of disputes between the parties, to use them for the purpose of corroborating their oral testimony. In this particular case, at the time of assignment when account was made, the respondent had represented to the applicant the balance due on the decree and had cheated the applicant. In delivering judgment, the Judge observed that the intention which is a necessary ingredient of the offence under section 192 of the Indian Penal Code did not seem to be present in this case. Prima facie, this seems to be a case of cheating or misappropriation and parties are free to proceed in the Police Court for either the one or the other offence. The learned Judge therefore held that no sanction was necessary for that.

The notice was therefore discharged.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDESRS.

"Gazette of India" April 27.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Dr E Denison Ross, Officer in charge of the Records of the Govt of India, and ex-officio Asst Secy to the Govt of India in the Home Dept was granted privilege leave for one month and twelve days, with effect from the 19th Aug.

The Hon Mr W T Hall, C S I, has been permitted to resign H M's Indian Civil Service, with effect from the 10th April or the subsequent date on which he may sail from India or relinquish charge of office in the event of his not taking subsidiary leave.

The Hon Mr H R H Coxe, I C S, took his seat as an acting judge of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal on the 11th April.

The Rev P R Harrison, Chaplain of Neemuch, is granted privilege leave for three months, with effect from the 1st May, or the subsequent date on which be may avail himself of it.

The Rev B Kitchin, Chaplain of Nasirabad, Rajputana is appointed to hold charge of the Chaplaincy of Neemuch in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave of the Rev P R Harrison, Chaplain of Neemuch, or until further orders.

The services of the Rev J D Gordon, Chaplain of the Church of Scotland, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr F O Oertel, Exec Engr, 1st grade, United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, is appointed to officiate as a Superintending Engr, with effect from the 24th April and until further orders.

Mr C E Ross, Examiner of Guaranteed Railway Accounts, Madras, is granted, privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for four months, with effect from the 8th May or subsequent date of relief.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Lieut G D Ogilvie, a Political Asst of the 3rd class is granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for nine months, with effect from the 15th April.

The service of Capt C F Harold, an Asst Political Agent of the 2nd grade, Bombay, are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of Bombay, with effect from the 16th March.

Lieut T G M Harris, 56th Inty, a probationer for the Political Dept, is posted as Supernumerary Asst Comr, Peshawar.

Lieut D R G Oliver, a probationer for the Political Dept, is posted as Supernumerary Asst Comr, Kohat Dist.

Major C F Minchin, D S O, Supt, Dist Gazetteers, Baluchistan, has been granted furlough on medical certificate, from the 2nd Jan to the 24th Feb, both days inclusive.

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THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH].

SIMLA, APRIL 30.

General rain is reported from Eastern Bengal and Assam, the extreme north of India and north of the East Coast while scattered showers also occurred to the South of the Peninsula.

The temperature has risen slightly to the North-East of the Peninsula, but still remains in large defect there.

In Burma, Minbu had 1 inch of rain; Bhamo and Myitkyina 1/4 inch. The skies are thickly clouded in the north where the air is damper than usual and the humidity is below normal in the southern half of the Province while the temperature is normal or in slight to moderate excess.

In north-east India and Orissa the following rainfall is reported :—Gauhati 1 inch; Dhubri 1/2; Shillong 1/4; Silchar and Berhampore 1 1/2 inches; Bogra 1/4; Darjeeling 1/2; Dinajpur 1/4; Darbhanga 1 and Balasore a 1/4 inch. Cloud has decreased generally and the skies are clear or only lightly clouded except in Eastern Bengal and Assam. The air is damper than usual in Chota Nagpur and Bihar and the temperature has fallen except in the south-west and is now in defect over the whole of the division the deficiency being large in the South of Bihar, Chota Nagpur and Orissa.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces, Raipur had a light fall of rain and the skies are almost clear while the humidity has decreased and is still above normal at most stations. The temperature has risen except in the North-East of the United Provinces but is still in slight to large defect.

In North-West India, the following precipitation occurred in the extreme North :—Murree 1 inch; Rawalpindi ½; Peshawar 1/4; Cherrat ½; Srinagar 1; Sonemarg 1½ inches; Gilgit 1¼ inch; Khushab 1/4; and Dehra Ismail Khan 1 inch. Cloud has spread over the Frontier Province, North Punjab and Kashmir. Humidity has increased over the area of rainfall where it is considerably above normal while the temperature has fallen in Baluchistan and Kashmir and is now nearly normal everywhere.

In the Peninsula, Gopalpur reports 1/4 inch of rain; Waltair and Cocanada 1/2; Masulipatam 1 1/2; Pamban 2 inches and Mercara and Calicut 1 1/2 inches. The skies are moderately clouded in the south of the East Coast. Humidity has decreased in the Deccan and is nearly normal throughout the Division while the temperature has risen and is generally nearly normal in the West Coast and in slight to moderate defect elsewhere.

STANDARD BAROMETER READINGS.

The reading of brometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 32 deg. and for Calcutta standard at 8 a. m. (local time) on the 29th of April, 1907, was 29,836. The height of observatory barometer cistern above zero of tide gauge at Apollo Bunder is 6 feet. The height of tide in the stream above zero of the tide gauge at Apollo Bunder was 13ft. at 8 a. m. (local time.) The temperature correction for a mercurial barometer supposing the reading to be 30·00 and that of attached thermometer 80 deg. F. will be 14 and this will be higher or lower by ·01 for each 4 deg. In the case of aneroid no temperature correction is required. Should the height of barometer cistern, either mercurial or aneroid, above zero of tide gauge be different from 47 feet it will read higher or lower by ·01 for each 11 feet. The readings given above are distinct from those given in the daily weather report to which different corrections have been applied.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL.

STATIONS.	Pressure 8 A.M.	WIND. Directions.	WIND. Average hours.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Maximum of past 24 hours.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity.	RAINFALL. Past 24 hours.	RAINFALL. Since 1st November to date.	RAINFALL. Variation from 1st Nov to date.
Bushire	29·956	NW	19	70·6	58·2	68	....	8·78	—3·95
Jask	29·872	NE	19	89·3	70·8	8	....	3·6	—0·79
Muscat	29·962	W	5	91·3	..	59	....	8·7	+1·78
Aden	29·867	SW	6	90·3	76·9	81	....	0·6	—1·81
Lahore	29·610	NE	5	102·4	76·2	54	....	5·9	+2·16
Sirsa	29·572	SSW	5	104·3	78·1	31	....	2·3	+0·26
Delhi	29·645	SE	3	101·2	76·2	50	....	5·0	+1·74
Agra	29·657	SW	3	101·8	78·1	34	....	4·8	+2·66
Cawnpore	29·674	Calm	2	98·9	73·7	56	....	3·8	+1·88
Allahabad	29·682	ENE	5	96·6	78·0	51	....	4·2	+2·34
Jhansi	29·715	SSW	5	99·8	74·2	63	....	4·9	+2·11
Jacobabad	29·631	NW	8	110·1	73·5	?	....	0·9	—·16
Karachi	29·713	W	15	90·4	79·2	81	....	3·1	+0·31
Jeypore	29·662	NW	3	102·7	81·1	33	....	4·4	+2·87
Ajmere	29·679	NW	15	101·9	82·0	36	....	2·9	+1·51
Deesa	29·740	SSW	14	105·3	71·9	63	....	3·5	+2·09
Ahmedabad	29·766	W	6	104·1	79·7	62	....	0·3	—0·87
Bhuj	29·737	W	22	97·1	75·5	79	....	1·4	+0·96
Jamnagar	....	....		....	....		....	....	....
Dwarka	29·758	SSW	18	87·3	79·3	83	....	1·9	....
Rajkot	29·751	SW	11	103·4	70·7	62	....	0·9	+0·48
Bhavnagar Para.	29·776	SW	11	106·6	76·0	79	....	1·3	+0·79
Veraval	29·787	W	13	84·6	79·3	80	..	0·0	—0·47
Neemuch	29·713	WSW	11	97·0	73·2	40	..	0·8	—0·31
Indore	29·748	W	10	99·1	69·6	71	..	0·3	—0·88
Saugor	29·673	WSW	7	94·6	73·5	33	..	3·2	+0·78
Jubbulpore	29·726	SSW	4	92·0	67·3	57	..	6·3	+4·19
Hoshangabad	29·718	Calm	3	99·8	72·3	34	..	3·2	+1·39
Khandwa	29·755	NW	13	101·2	78·6	48	..	2·4	+1·19
Raipur	29·740	NE	3	90·1	66·4	73	0·17	6·3	+2·84
Nagpur	29·797	Calm	4	98·1	71·1	56	..	4·8	+1·54
Amraoti	29·738	NNE	9	100·3	73·3	60	..	5·7	+3·48
Akola	29·735	W	11	102·3	71·9	35	..	4·0	+1·82
Surat	29·786	W	10	91·6	77·6	83	..	0·1	—0·17
Malegaon	?	W	11	101·9	72·5	33	..	1·4	+0·64
Bombay	29·812	SE	6	89·1	78·4	85	..	0·3	0·48
Poona	29·806	W	11	95·5	61·3	56	..	3·1	plus 1·11
Ahmednagar	29·778	NW	5	96·9	68·5	32	..	6·6	plus 4·48
Aurangabad	29·774	W	12	99·2	68·7	45	..	3·2	....
Sholapur	29·774	NW	8	96·7	72·5	43	..	4·3	plus 1·86
Ratnagiri	29·807	NNE	12	89·8	77·0	73	..	0·4	—0·26
Bijapur	29·838	SW	6	92·7	70·2	77	..	7·1	plus 4·20
Belgaum	29·806	Calm	8	88·8	64·8	61	..	4·1	—0·16
Mormugao	29·815	N	81	88·5	71·9	69	..	1·3	—0·89
Karwar	29·791	NE	3	89·3	79·5	88	..	4·7	plus 2·03
Mangalore	29·812	Calm	4	8·1	74·9	7	..	7·	plus 3·04
Calicut	29·796	NE	6	88·7	76·7	84	1·38	14·4	plus 3·50
Cochin	29·810	E	1	89·3	76·8	75	0·05	20·1	plus 3·61
Bangalore	29·845	W	3	85·8	67·3	84	..	8·1	plus 2·55
Hyderabad (Deccan).	29·755	Calm	3	93·3	7·	60	..	8·3	plus 5·36
Masulipatam	29·761	Calm	10	93·6	68·1	97	1·30	11·4	plus 4·19
Bellary	29·773	W	5	97·0	77·3	48	..	5·2	plus 2·13
Cuddapah	29·736	SW	6	100·2	79·9	73	..	5·6	—0·04
Madras	29·770	SSW	7	93·5	78·0	76	..	23·1	plus 1·67
Coimbatore	29·8 2	SW	3	92·4	70·1	86	0·16	14·1	plus 6·79
Trichinopoly	29·781	WSW	2	95·0	74·9	81	..	9·9	—1·48
Negapatam	29·773	NW	8	86·4	76·0	75	0·00	40·3	+14·00
Colombo	29·793	W	4	87·0	77·0	81	0·11	25·3	—10·37

In column WIND—"Rate per hour" L = Light, M = Moderate, S = Strong, H = Heavy, F = Fresh.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes have been small and irregular, with the exception of a brisk fall at Hyderabad (Deccan) and Trichinopoly and a brisk rise at Jacobabad.

Winds are north-westerly to south-westerly over the greater part of the country and the force has been strong to a gale at Bhuj and Dwarka, and fresh to light in other places.

Temperature.—The maximum is 10° to 17° in defect of normal at Nagpur, Raipur, Jubbulpore and Allahabad while the minimum is 5° to 8° in excess in Rajputana and at Lahore and Sirsa. The highest temperature in the shade was 110° at Jacobabad and the lowest 61° at Poona.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in Ceylon, Mysore, the Madras Presidency and on the Malabar Coast and at Bombay, Malegaon, Hoshangabad and Dwarka.

Rain.—Calicut and Masulipatam report more than an inch and a quarter, and Nagpur, Cochin, Coimbatore and Colombo light showers.

Weather.—Conditions are slightly favourable for light local rain to the south of latitude 18°.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, May 1.

40. Arms—All Arms and Accoutrements to be returned to Head-Quarters at once, for inspection by the Civil Chief Master Armourer.

41. Strength.—The undermentioned having resigned are struck off the strength of the Corps—

No. 3786 Cr. Sergt. P. Hunter.
No. 5962 Vol. H. M. Hewett,

G. D. PRICE, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. J. MARSLAND, COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, May 1.

348 COMMAND.

With reference to Regtl. Order No 346 dated 27th April 1907, Capt R W R Pennington assumed Command of No 3 Co on that date.

349 RESIGNATION.

The following extract of Govt Resolution dated Bombay Castle 19th April 1907 is published for information :—

Bombay Volunteer Artillery.

Lieutenant Archibald Edward Boyd resigns his Commission with effect from the 1st April 1907.

F. C. JENKIN, Lieut., R. A.
Adjt., B. V. A.

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THE PARSI MURDER AT YEZD.

THE election of a Persian Parsi to the new Parliament at Teheran, gave some hopes that that interesting community was going to take its proper share in the affairs of its country, and to rise from the low level into which it had sunk owing to ages of religious oppression. But the recent murder of a Parsi in the town of Yezd by a Mahomedan, about the same time, shows clearly that religious fanaticism which has so long kept that community in a depressed state, is still as rife as ever. It is useless to expect any change for the better when the great bulk of the people still remain so hopelessly prejudiced against these professors of an ancient religion, at least as pure and noble as their own, to whom the very name by which they are called must be a standing and cruel insult. The Parsis throughout Persia, their own land, are called Guebres or infidels by the Mahomedan population. And the name reflects faithfully the conduct of the ruling race and the Government. They are subjected to vile persecution and to humiliating restraints, some of which have been of late somewhat relaxed. They are mostly traders, and universally looked upon by their oppressors themselves as very honest and truthful people and are preferred in trade to Mahomedans. Yet this privilege of trading was not given to them till fifty years ago, and even now they are subject to certain restrictions and exactions from which Mahomedans are free. They cannot, for instance, sell food in the bazaars as that would be an abomination in the eyes of the Moslems who regard them as unbelievers and therefore unclean. Up till 1882 they were oppressed by a poll tax levied on them alone as unbelievers, and this gave an opportunity for grinding them down by extortionate assessments and trading-tolls. This poll-tax was abolished through the exertions of the Parsis of Bombay and after they had started a fund for redeeming this tax on their poor brethren. No Parsi or Guebre, up till a few years ago, was allowed to build an upper storey on his house, or erect a dwelling whose height exceeded the upstretched arm of a Mussulman standing on the ground. Even when the Shah allowed this permission by a firman or order of his, the populace of Yezd once rose against a Parsi who tried to build an upper storey, and he could escape with his life only by flying; but the infuriated mob killed another Parsi whom they mistook for the offender. Even the Parsis could not dress as they liked, and till ten years ago they could wear no colour save yellow, grey or brown, and they could not put on white stockings. They could not use spectacles and eye-glasses, or carry an umbrella. Even now they are not permitted to ride in the streets of Yezd; they can ride beyond the city limits but then they should dismount whenever they saw a Mahomedan of some rank approach. They cannot use the public baths.

Yezd is the chief place in Persia where Parsis are most found. They number in that town and its environs some eight thousand souls, whereas there are less than ten thousand in all in the whole of Persia. They are the most law-abiding and mildest among the subjects of the Shah. Yet the Mahomedans not only annoy them by restrictions like those we have named, but often times commit serious outrages against them, and murders of Zoroastrians, like the recent one, are not infrequent. The Parsis of Bombay had a very zealous agent in Persia who acquired much influence, the late Maneckji Hateria, and he used to complain strongly to the authorities when such outrages were committed. But these representations were generally of no avail, and we are induced to believe that the representations made in the case of the recently murdered Parsi, by the Parsis of Bombay and of London also, will not bear much fruit. To get the law enforced is a matter of great difficulty in Persia at any time, but at present when there seems to be something like a revolution going on though we do not know or hear much of it, it would be almost impossible. Years ago when Shah Nasir-ud-din, the father of the late Shah, ruled fairly effectively, two Parsis were attacked by two Mahomedans outside the town of Yezd, and one was killed and the other dangerously wounded. The Governor of the town did nothing to the Mahomedan murderers. Maneckji, however, got leave to take them to Teheran. But the Prime Minister told him that no Mahomedan could be killed for murdering a Parsi, and that these murderers would only be bastinadoed. About this time Maneckji learnt officially that the blood-price for killing a Parsi was a little above thirty shillings! On another occasion, in 1898, the Parsi school master of Taft, one of the environs of Yezd, and another Parsi were killed by two roughs without reason. One of these murderers was a Sayed, and he got his release from the Shah; the fate of the other is not known, but he too very probably escaped. So recently as 1903 Yezd, which is notorious among Persian towns for its truculent religious fanaticism, was the scene of a horrid massacre of Babis who were killed in hundreds and shockingly outraged.

The Parsis naturally feared that they would suffer a similar fate, and they would very likely have been massacred also by the infuriated Yezdis, had not, says Professor Jackson, on the authority of one who had witnessed the horrors, the fanatical wave been broken in its course by the prompt and energetic intervention of the Europeans in telegraphic communication with the authorities in Teheran. Much depends on the Governor and his personal good-will and influence and power. If he is well disposed, like Prince Imad-ud-Dowla who was Governor of Yezd some twenty years ago, towards the Parsis, they enjoy comparative peace and security; but even such a ruler is not always able to keep in check the ferocious intolerance of the bigots and the savage brutality of the roughs of Yezd. Professor Browne relates that when he was in Yezd in the Governorship of Prince Imad, a Parsi was [illegible] bastinadoed for accidentally touching with his garment some fruit exposed for sale in the bazaars and thereby rendering them unclean for consumption by all true Mahomedans. He also relates how two Mahomedans flung a poor Parsi woman whom they in vain tried to outrage, into a stream, and escaped justice. Great hopes were entertained by this people that Prince Imad would inflict punishment on them; but the Mullahs or priests intervened on the scoundrels' behalf—and the Mullahs are all powerful in a Mahomedan country like Persia. We should not be surprised if the Mullahs were found to intervene on behalf of the murderers of the poor Parsi of Yezd the other day, supposing that the murderers were found, which however is not likely.

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AUSTRALIA AND THE NAVY. WITH a view to making its defence squadron more efficient the Australian Commonwealth Government despatched some forty blue-jackets, a fortnight ago to England for further training. Their send-off was an official one the Governor-General, Lord Northcote, inspecting the men and addressing them before their departure. The incident is to be regarded with much satisfaction as not only, in each case, was the man selected a volunteer, but chosen from a very large number of colonists who offered to leave their homes and undergo a special course of training. The Commonwealth Government took the men at their word and, in order to waste no time, sent them to England by mail instead of waiting for a returning war-ship. The training for which they go is of a kind unavailable in Australian waters, as no battleships are included in the squadron for the defence of our Australasian possessions. Commenting on the despatch of these men the Melbourne *Age* observes that "notwithstanding the hostility of the Admiralty to the idea of an Australian navy," Australia is sending these men to qualify not for the future Australian torpedo-boats, but for service as petty officers in the Imperial navy; and cites the case as one of "extraordinary generosity towards a British authority which is doing all in its power to misrepresent Australia's naval ambitions." It is further urged by our contemporary, somewhat unmagnanimously, that Admiral Sir Wilmot Fawkes has publicly declared himself against the very Australian navy which Mr. Ewing is engaged in building up. When the forty Australians return as petty officers from their English training, the Admiral expects them to re-enlist in the British squadron, and not in the Commonwealth Forces. Indeed, the men are under a sort of tacit promise to do so. The £450 voted to the Admiralty for mail steamer passages by Sir John Forrest is not, therefore, adds the *Age*, an aid to the naval policy of his Government but a means of tightening the hold of the Admiralty on the very material which it is hoped to use on the future Australian torpedo-boats and coastal destroyers. There is not much suggestion of blood-relationship about the observations, especially as Admiral Hawkes explained that the men had filled all the lower ratings it had been possible for them to do in their period of training, and they were now taking a step that led to higher ratings. They could go through the schools in precisely the same way as men trained in England were able to, and in two years they would return to be petty officers and instructors in the Australian squadron. After experience as petty officers some of them would become warrant officers. Even this was not enough for carping critics who point out that the Commonwealth Government is pledged to a naval construction programme which will require it to recruit every Australian available to man its torpedo-boats, "yet it is apparently doing all in its power to assist the very influence, the British Admiralty, which is fighting the Australian navy idea. Admiral Sir Wilmot Fawkes, whose tactless indirect attack in Hobart on the Australian naval force scheme has excited strong comment," announced recently that "through the liberty of the Commonwealth and the New Zealand Governments" he was able to send some 30 or 40 Australians from the naval squadron to England for special training—not for the future Australian coastal fleet, but for the British squadron. What makes the "liberality" so peculiar is that it is common knowledge that special concessions for men and officers of the Victorian naval forces are only wrung out of the Commonwealth Treasury after the utmost efforts have been made. "The expenditure of funds on sending men to England for the benefit of the Admiralty is an extraordinary way of meeting the hostility of my Lords to Australia's naval aspirations." There are of course two views on every question, but we regret that one section of the press in Australia has seen fit to indulge in ungraceful remarks of the kind concerning a departure which must prove efficacious in drawing the Colonies and the mother country together in closer unity.

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THE STAGE AND CHRISTIANITY. MISS ADA WARD, the "Actress Evangelist" addressed a large meeting, the other day, in Melbourne in reply to the question: "Can an actress be a Christian?" A large number have been, and have lived blameless lives and have been of great service to Christian charities. So we may take it that when Miss Ward answered "no, decidedly no" to the question, she was speaking for herself—in which case she did right in leaving the stage and devoting her energies to evangelisation. Miss Ward, we are glad to find, admitted that the actor's profession included many noble characters, "who contributed to charities, founded hospitals, built homes for destitute persons, and mothered little helpless children as their own—many men and women who were living simple, beautiful, quiet lives and working hard as bread winners for poor relatives; but they all lived in an awful atmosphere of temptation and vice. "But she hastened to impress upon her hearers that, to her mind," for every one who received any culture in a theatre, there were thousands who were brought to the lowest depths of degradation, misery and despair." Miss Ward's method of proving her case was to repeat the oft-told story of the black side of stage life, the sweeping allegations that stage-struck girls with good looks and no ability are systematically ruined and abandoned by wealthy men, to which she added that for every "girl on the stage who had a mother or other protector, ninety-nine were alone and on the road to ruin. Plays written and enacted by unconverted people were produced without any thought of doing good, and only to make money. To say that one could learn as much from a good play as from a sermon was silly. One playhouse had power to ruin more souls than fifty churches could save. Try how people might, they could never enlist the stage upon the side of religion, for the two things were as widely apart as the poles. The experience of others has taught them differently. And certainly it was a sign of weakness to assert that, if only Christian people would stay away from them the theatres would be nearly always empty," for all Christian patrons of the theatre cannot be wrong and so far deceived as to believe they can deduce wholesome lessons from a play.

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THE "MIKADO" MUDDLE. TRULY Mr. Redfern is keeping up his reputation. In days gone by it was the Lord Chamberlain who took all the blame which came from those who were considered unactable. But an injudicious Lord Chamberlain once announced that he acted solely on the advice of Mr. Redfern, and since then, those who have complaints have not been slow to lodge them in the proper quarter. We have known for some time that Mrs. D'Oyley Carte had excised the "Mikado" from her revival list, but it was a studiously guarded secret as to how the pressure had been brought to bear. Now it is all made clear and the Lord Chamberlain, to lay for once the blame at the official door, once more proves how incompetent he is to undertake the supervision of the stage. No doubt he "has a little list" and soon we may expect to hear that "Charley's Aunt" has been vetoed because of the susceptibilities of the Brazilian Minister, or that "Iolanthe" has found disfavour with the Lord Chancellor and must disappear from the Bill. The present action should cause quite a boom in amateur theatricals, for the "Mikado" is one of the most popular pieces with that large body and with them the Lord Chamberlain has nothing to do provided they do not act in licensed theatres. There is, too, one consolation. Mr. W. S. Gilbert has long retired into his home at Harrowweald, but it will be strange if he does not find matter on which to poke a little mild fun—something lingering with boiling oil—at the august censor. Of the absurdity of the revocation of the license nothing need be said. Is the *entente cordiale* to crumble to dust because the Parisian Music Hall representation of an Englishman is that of a tenth rate book-maker? There are several thousand old Savoyards who will have hard things to say of the Lord Chamberlain, and they have our sympathy.

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OLD AGE PENSIONS. IN view of the promised legislation to provide for Old Age Pensions in England a study of the prevalent German system is of interest, especially as it has been pronounced by legislators and statesmen to be the last and most practical scheme hitherto evolved. Briefly stated the German Workmen's Insurance Law in its present form provides that every person, including foreigners, irrespective of sex, class or occupation, residing within the German empire or employed on a German ship, who works for wages or salary, and whose earnings do not exceed 2,000 marks, or approximately, £100 per annum, must be insured on and after the attainment of the sixteenth birthday. The insurance premiums must then be paid with unfailing regularity, except when the insured person is out of work, until the seventieth birthday is attained or disablement ensues. Every person who has fulfilled the conditions of the Insurance Law is entitled to a pension for the remainder of his life after reaching the 70th birthday, or becoming permanently disabled. Those persons who, by reason of accident or sickness, become temporarily disabled, receive a weekly allowance until the period of disablement has come to an end. During certified illness and loss of work owing to misfortune the premium is paid by the State which also pays while a man is performing military service. Other classes of society are provided for in the same manner as the workmen but on a higher scale of premium. The old age pension is only granted to those persons who have paid for twelve hundred weeks' and the pension for disablement after five hundred weeks' payment has been made, so there is little chance of swindling the State. The German system will doubtless to some extent be followed when the English scheme is formulated.

SIR HERBERT RISLEY, Home Secretary, will probably proceed Home on short leave in June.

THE native papers of Calcutta are full of the Wildest reports about the recent rioting in Jamalpur.

IT is with regret we hear that one of the sons of Sirdar Ayub Khan at Lahore has contracted plague.

THE s. s. *Balduino* left Aden for Bombay on the 30th Instant and expected to arrive on the 6th May.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Bohemia*, from Trieste, left Aden on the evening of the 29th instant, and is due here on the 5th instant, in the morning.

THE statement that Government has granted to Mr. Bandmann a plot of ground on the maidan to build a temporary theatre is, we are informed, premature. The matter is still under consideration.

THE N. Y. K. Chartered Steamer *Coquet* arrived at Kobe on the morning of the 30th instant.

THE Central Training College, the Central Model School and the Normal School at Lahore will, owing to continued virulence of plague, remain closed until Monday the 28th May when they will re-open.

THE much debated Colonization of Lands Bill which was passed by the Punjab Legislative Council last February is now before the Government of India, but will not become law until it has received the sanction of Lord Minto.

IMPORTANT light is thrown upon the question of the process of desiccation which has converted so much of Central Asia, which once was thickly inhabited and closely cultivated, into waterless desert. In the report by Lieutenant-Colonel S. G. Burrard, R. E., in the Proceedings of the Indian Board of Scientific Advice, Colonel Burrard holds that the Brahmaputra once formed a great lake in south-east Tibet, which by its overflow scooped out the igorges through which the river now makes its way into Assam, just as the Jhelum river is doing to-day in Kashmir. Regarding Seistan another region now a desert, which once was thickly populated, he holds that the disappearance of cultivation and the annihilation of the numerous towns and villages that exist now only in ruins is not due to any permanent climatic change or even entirely to misgovernment, and he points out that the accumulation of sand washed down by rivers from the highlands of Central Asia is gradually filling up the fertile basin—a thing which he thinks is also going on in the Lobnor region to the north of Tibet. He considers that the lagoons of Seistan and Lobnor are alike examples of the victory of water over sand, but thinks that under present conditions it is only a question of time for both the Helmond and Tarim rivers to be stopped like the Ghaggar, and their lagoons blocked up, since sand is always increasing while water is not. Colonel Burrard, however, notes Sir Henry M'Mahon's view that, in the case of Seistan, although the basin is gradually being filled, it may also be subsiding with the weight of the deposits, in which case it may not necessarily become completely choked.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

Australian Cotton.

COLONISTS FOR THE NAVY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

*MELBOURNE, APRIL 15.

WRITING concerning the proposed transfer of the Northern Territory from the control of this State to that of the Federal authorities, the Port Darwin paper of March 15 remarks:—We may take it for granted that Territorians, are either actively or passively in favour of the transfer, and that with very few exceptions the objections are mainly sentimental. The construction of the railway will not be sufficient, in itself, to attract European settlers, and the Commonwealth will be committed to heavy expenditure for the next generation. That Mr. Deakin realises this, and is entering on the task of 'civilising the Northern Territory,' as Mr. Reid puts it, with eyes fully opened to the financial burden ahead, is one of the most hopeful features of the situation. Given a capable local advisory board and the Commonwealth purse to draw upon, and at the end of the said generation the Territory will be well populated, self-supporting, and a source of strength to the Commonwealth, instead of a standing temptation to possible aggressors. South Australia never relised the financial obligations which the taking of the Territory, involved, until recently. Consequently, the State has held on to its possession in the hope that some day it would work out its own financial salvation. Meanwhile she has spent such money as was absolutely necessary to maintain a form of Government but has been compelled to put aside all schemes for the development because no cash could be spared for the purpose. Premier Price would appear to have realised this from the first, and if the realisation of the fact was at the back of his opposition to the land-grant railway, he showed more prescience than we who blamed him for his refusal to accept the chance offered. At that time few people thought that the Commonwealth would concede fair terms to South Australia in connection with the transfer, but if the transfer is effected we must admit that the refusal of the land-grant railway, was the best thing that could have happened for South Australia, and though we may not have a railway so soon under the Commonwealth, we may get immediate benefits and most certainly will get ultimate benefits which South Australia could never give us. In South Australia there is still a large section of the people, including our junior member, Mr. Solomon, and Sir Josiah Symon, both powerful and persuasive speakers, who look at the surrender from the patriotic and sentimental point of view, and are strongly opposing the transfer. We cannot but respect the feelings which actuate these men, and those who think with them—it is the same feeling that impels a handful of people to impoverish themselves for the support of a mission of their own denomination in a distant land. Unfortunately there can be only one result in both cases, and that is eternal expenditure, with a certain knowledge that the expenditure is far too small to be effective."

AUSTRALIAN COTTON.

Mr. Daniel Jones, the cotton expert, attached to the Queensland Department of Agriculture, has shown much interest in the attempt to cultivate cotton in that State. Messrs. Kitchen and Sons, of Brisbane, have just erected a ginning plant, and they are offering 1 1/2d. to 2d. per lb. for Upland and other cotton in seed, delivered on the railway at the point of cultivation. The firm have a plantation of 30 acres of cotton, and smaller areas are under cultivation near Ipswich, and in the Maranoa and Darling Downs districts. Some crops have been grown as far west as 600 miles from Brisbane, while others are to be seen at Cooktown, Cairns, Mackay, Somerset, and Charters Towers. Upland cotton is principally grown, but the long staple Sea Island varieties are, it is thought likely to prove more profitable. In the dry interior, Mr. Jones states, the cotton bush will grow as much in four months as on the coast in five months owing to the warm and congenial climate in the former case. An American cotton planter has recently decided to embark in the industry in the western district of Queensland as, according to Mr. Jones, he believes that cotton growing "can be more profitably undertaken in that region than in the United States."

Mr. Jones states that Messrs. Kitchen and Sons are well pleased with the quality of the cotton ginned by them last year and with that coming forward this year. The cotton grown in Queensland, he said, was holding its own in regard to value, and corrspondence from the British Cotton Growers' Association indicated that the Upland variety ginned was worth 1d. over the average value of the American cotton. The Queensland Sea Island types had been valued at from 1/ to 1/4 per lb. at the lint stage. This was up to the average value of the best Sea Island cotton on the market.

Mr. Jones states that one farmer ought to be able to cultivate 30 or 40 acres of cotton. For picking the cotton one juvenile would be required for every six acres. In years not subject to severe frost the cotton seed need not be sown more than once in three years. The value to the grower of an acre of cotton would average £7 or £8. The return to the Queensland growers had ranged from £6 to £17. Mr. Jones thinks a farmer might profitably combine cotton growing and dairying. Every acre of cotton grown would buy them a cow at the end of the year.

The mallee lands, Mr. Jones believes, are suitable for cotton cultivation. Over 40 years ago several plots were under cotton cultivation on the Murray. The industry, he thought, might be revived. For the first few years the growers would not find it necessary to use fertilisers on account of the deep rooting nature of the shrub. Cotton grown in dry areas similar to the mallee was cleaner in appearance, and could be made up better than the cotton from the damper areas.

PORT ADELAIDE.

"Without a dry dock in which large steamers can be overhauled and cleaned Port Adelaide cannot be considered a first class port." That expert pronouncement has been heard in Parliament and seen in the press on several occasions. The fact, indeed, has come to be recognised, and as a result the Premier (Hon. T. Price) recently asserted that if the Adelaide Dry Dock Company did not exercise their option to construct accommodation for the renovation and repair of vessels trading to this State the Government would have seriously to consider the advisability of taking the matter in hand themselves. The Government have been anxious to see this want supplied, and wishing to encourage the investment of private capital in the project they offered to guarantee 3 per cent. per annum on the total outlay of the company constructing the work, an Act to authorise this step being passed by Parliament. The Adelaide Dry Dock Company, however, after carefully going into the whole subject has come to the conclusion that there is no need to ask for the guarantee so liberally offered. They estimate that the cost of the dock will be about £35,000, and that with the annual profit likely to be derived dividends can be paid to the shareholders far in excess of the percentage named. The site proposed is between Mr. Jenkins' slip and the Castle salt works at Birkenhead. The frontage to the Port stream is 275 ft., and the depth 685 ft., so that there will be ample room for enlargement if that is found necessary, while the wideness of the river at this point is likely to be an important factor in the success of the scheme. The dock will be built of jarrah from the design of Mr. W. E. Urlwin, as modified by Mr. C. L. Gardiner, C.E., of Port Adelaide, and its dimensions will be 500 ft. long, 110 ft. wide at the top, and 65 ft. wide at the bottom.

AUSTRALIANS FOR THE FLEET.

Vice-Admiral Fawkes' remarks at Hobart the other day open up a pleasing vista in naval defence. He hopes to see the day come when the Australian fleet will be entirely manned by Australians. Why not? Admiral Fawkes appears to think Australians are all that can be desired. Their physique strikes him as splendid, and they seem to more than hold their own in the athletic contests of the fleet. No doubt they would be restive and rather hard to manage under discipline of the old style, but the naval officer of to-day knows the need of intelligence as well as obedience, and intelligence breeds respect wherever it is found. The admiral has succeeded in obtaining an important concession for Australian recruits, under which a number of them may be sent home for higher training, which will make them the future petty and warrant officers of the squadron. But while warrant officers and men are thus being carefully catered for, perhaps too little is done at present to secure Australians for the quarter-decks. There is, of course, no bar to Australian lads, and instances of these selecting a naval career are not uncommon; but well-to-do people have not been taught to turn naturally to the navy as a career for their brightest sons. Yet more than ever the navy needs brains—a commodity in which young Australia is not lacking.

JERSEY CATTLE.

Of late years Jersey cattle have been coming very strongly to the front in the dairying industry throughout Australia. People engaged in the milk trade have long realised the importance of keeping cows which give large quantities of milk, but the consumer nowadays looks for quality, and that is where the Jersey cows come in. They yield milk of abosolutely the best standard known, and also a sufficient quantity of it to enable them to hold their own in this respect with any other breed of cow. The predominant characteristics are their type and richness of milk, and the absolute purity of their breed. Jersey cattle are a type peculiar to the Island of Jersey alone, and their purity is guarded by laws prohibiting the importation of any cattle to the island. On account of their beauty, neatness, and docility, Jersey cattle are undoubtedly regarded as gentlemen's, or park cattle, for they add a picturesque living charm to a landscape, but they are equally valuable from a utilitarian point of view, for as dairy cattle their excellence is beyond question. Naturally the acquisition of a dairy herd of pure Jersey's is a costly affair, and up to now typical representatives of the breed are scarcely seen otherwise than in the possession of the wealthier class of landowners.

THE NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION.

The exhibitors having selling rights and the proprietors of side shows at the International Exhibition are indignant at the sudden intimation that they are liable to pay income tax on the profits made during the exhibition. The Commissioner of Taxes has made a formal demand to each of the people concerned for a deposit, of £20 pending assessment of the profits, made to be at the close of the Exhibition.

It is asserted by Mr. H. J. Scott, the South Australian Commissioner, that this demand is regarded by every one of the oversea exhibitors as a piece of sharp practice which ought to have been repudiated by the Government. "This Exhibition," says Mr. Scott, "has been conducted more like a Punch and Judy show than an educational institution for the benefit of the people of New Zealand." He stated that the Exhibition had been one series of breaches of faith, and this was the worst of them. The authorities knew very well that the imposition of the income tax was possible and they deliberately left all mention of it till the end, and had then sprung a surprise on them.

THE BONUS BILL.

The Commonwealth Government have decided to reintroduce the Bonus Bill, which was before Parliament last year. With the object of finding out what products are likely to be worthy of encouragement in the different States by the payment of bonuses they propose to hold a conference of experts in Melbourne on April 16, and a request has been sent to the South Australian Government to dispatch an expert from that State to confer with a representative of the Federal Government. It is understood that Dr. Holtze, Director of the Botanic Gardens, will come to Melbourne for this purpose. The Federal Government are paying the expenses of the experts who come from the different States.

SUBMARINE SIGNALLING.

Captain Creswell, the Naval Director, has received from the Commonwealth Agent in London a voluminous report from the Admiralty and other sources relating to the newly invented system of submarine singalling which has been adopted by the British Government, and is to be recommended to Australian marine boards and shipowners for adoption in the Commonwealth. Vessels equipped with receivers are not only distinctly warned 14 or 15 miles away that they are approching a danger spot, but they are actually enabled to tell in which direction the danger lies.

The British committee of experts, in its report on the system, said:—"If light vessels round the coast were fitted with submarine Bells it would be possible for ships fitted with the receiving apparatus to navigate in a fog with almost as much security as in clear weather."

AUSTRALIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Acting Prime Minister is inclined to think that the cry about the unemployed Australians in South Africa was an exaggerated one. Some time ago Mr. Voldar, the New South Wales representative in South Africa, was officially informed that the Commonwealth had set aside £7,000 for the purpose of repatriating reputable Australians who were in destitute circumstances but so far Sir John Forrest has not heard of the arrangements being made for any people to come back. "They do not appear," said Sir John Forrest yesterday, "to be in a hurry to leave South Africa now that they have a chance to do so."

MILITARY MATTERS.

Consideration is now being given by the Military Board to the steps to be taken for the purpose of making the best possible use of the artillery branch of the service. It was pointed out in the report of the Imperial Defence Committee that efficiency in artillery could only be obtained by the batteries being regularly drilled with full detachments. Colonel Bridges, Chief of the Intelligence Department, is preparing a report on this matter. There are four 4·7 guns in the battery at the Heads, and it is intended to form them into a battery to support the infantry forces.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

Sir John Forrest is preparing further data upon the financial relations between the Commonwealth and the States for submission to the Premiers' Conference, to be held in Brisbane. He states that the more he investigates the question the more convinced does he become that the only possible way of settling the matter of dividing the revenue is by adopting the proposal he made last year—to return fixed amounts based upon the pevious averages, arrangements, of course, being made for the States to receive the surpluses. The debts, he maintains, should be converted as they mature. Additional facts in support of these proposals will be put before the Conference.

EXTRADITION TREATY.

The Government has been notified by the home authorities that a supplementary extradition treaty has been entered into between the United States and Great Britain adding bribery and offences against the bankruptcy laws of both, made criminal by the laws of both countries, to the list of extraditionable offences.

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[*By telegraph to Perth W. A.]

GOVERNMENT AND CHAUFFEURS.

Grant Made for Teaching Motor Driving.

The following Press Note has been issued and will meet with general approval:—His Excellency the Governor in Council has had under consideration the desirability of assisting the motor industry in this Presidency by providing a proper course of instruction for the drivers of cars. It seems on enquiry possible to train a number of drivers in a class to be held at the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute. A certificate of competency granted by this Institute should prove of value to the driver as evidence of his capacity, and should be a useful indication to the public that the holder is fit for employment.

His Excellency the Governor in Council therefore directs that such a class should be established at the Institute at an early date. For this purpose a grant of Rs. 7,000 is placed at the disposal of the Director of Public Instruction, who should inform the Board of the Institute that an expenditure not exceeding this sum may be incurred in the current year on the purchase of motor-cars and the erection of a shed.

The course of instruction should include the theory and construction of motor engines, cells and batteries, magneto-electric ignition, practice in the driving, repairing and management of motor-cars, and some practical training in the mechanical engineering workshops.

The grant of Rs. 7,000 should be debited to the provision of Rs. 1,86,000 for Technical Education.

INDIANS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

DEPUTATION TO BOTHA

Lord Ampthill on a Possible Compromise.

ALLEGED HUMILIATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 30.

Lord Ampthill, introduced to General Botha, the deputation with regard to the Transvaal Asiatic Ordinance. It included Sir Henry Cotton, Sir J. Jardine, Sir M. Bhownaggree and Mr. Ameer Ali.

Lord Ampthill dwelt upon the humiliations imposed by the Ordinance and on the reasonableness of the compromise suggested by the Indians.

General Botha in reply repudiated any intention of hurting the feelings of Indians by the new registration measure and promised to exert his influence to avoid this being done.

PARIS PROVISION STRIKE.

Leaders Arrested.

STRONG REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

Owing to violent speeches in connection with the Café waiters and provision trades strikes in Paris, the Secretary of the Provision Trades Union and two members of the Confederation of Labour have been arrested.

The strongest measures are being adopted for the maintenance of order.

The Garrison is being heavily reinforced.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN REVIVAL.

"Mikado" License Revoked for the Provinces.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

The Savoy Theatre is giving a revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas, but is omitting the "Mikado." The omission has been connected with the visit of Prince Fushimi.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Runciman, in reply to Mr. Kennedy, said that no representation had been received from Japan on the subject, but the Lord Chamberlain had withdrawn the license for the production of this opera from all theatres, including those in the provinces.

PLAGUE IN INDIA.

Question in the House of Commons.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

Mr. Morley, in reply to Mr. Rutherford, said that the Government of India had been considering with the Local Governments, the Plague recommendations in the Memorandum of the College of Physicians.

Their scheme was not yet definite, but it was understood that a larger number of qualified Natives would be employed on the sanitary service.

FRENCH MINISTER TO ABYSSINIA.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

M. Deville, a former member of the Chamber of Deputies, has been appointed French Minister to Abyssinia.

He will assume his post on the return of Mr. Klobukowski.

SIR W. EVANS-GORDON M. P. RESIGNS.

Illness of the Marchioness of Tweeddale.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

Sir W. Evans-Gordon, M.P., has resigned his seat owing to his wife's health.

THE KING OF SIAM.

Special Doctor in Attendance.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

The specialist, Sir P. Manson, has arrived at San Remo to attend the King of Siam.

MR. CHAPLIN.

Not to be Opposed at Wimbledon.

LONDON, APRIL 30.

The Liberals have decided not to oppose the return of Mr. Chaplin.

THE ERUPTION OF STROMBOLI.

Vineyards and Crops Destroyed.

LONDON, APRIL 30.

A heavy shower of incandescent stones, lasting for five minutes, followed the eruption of Stromboli igniting the vineyards and destroying the crops. The heat on the mainland was excessive.

THE KING.

Goes to Paris Direct.

LONDON, APRIL 30.

His Majesty King Edward has left Naples and proceeds direct to Paris. He does not stop at Rome.

MISS R. A. BETTY, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent in the Eastern Command, has arrived at Simla to serve as a member of a special committee assembled at the Medical Division, Army Head Quarters.

THE TROUBLES IN RUSSIA.

REVOLUTIONARY PROPAGANDA AMONG TROOPS.

National Military Prestige

DUMA IN AN UPROAR

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 30.

The fate of the Russian Duma hangs on the result of the debate on the proposal of the Minister for War to raise 459,000 recruits.

The members yesterday resented the hectoring tone of the Minister who insisted that it was necessary to maintain Russia's prestige after the Japanese war. He declared that the project would be carried out, even if the Duma disapproved.

The sitting was adjourned owing to an uproar.

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

Grant of a Constitution.

LORD CROMER'S VIEW.

LONDON, APRIL 30.

A parliamentary paper gives a dispatch from Lord Cromer dated the 8th March, reviewing the proposals of the Egyptian Assembly. He says: "Without discussing whether all the members of the Assembly fully understood what was involved in the term 'granting a constitution.' I need only refer to my remarks in my last report. I think that it is altogether premature to take any very decisive or rapid steps in the direction of the introduction of a full parliamentary institution."

As regards the Provincial Councils he repeats that he favours reorganisation and some increase of their powers. The extension of the powers of the Legislative Council is much more difficult. He altogether opposes vesting in the Council an absolute veto of the Government proposals.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.

British Military Expert.

LONDON, APRIL 30.

Major General Sir E. R. Elles has been appointed Militaty expert to the British Delegation to the Hague Conference.

PRINCE FUSHIMI IN ENGLAND.

Royal Entertainments.

LONDON, APRIL 30.

The Prince and Princess of Wales attend a luncheon given in honour of Prince Fushimi at the Mansion House on the 10th May.

BRITISH SUBJECT KIDNAPPED AT SALONIKA.

£15,000 Ransom Paid.

LONDON, APRIL 30.

A British subject, named Abbott, who was recently kidnapped by brigands in Salonika, has been released, his ransom of £15,000 having been paid by the British Consul-General, the Turkish authorities refusing payment.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, APRIL 39.

Lord de Ros is dead.

DEATH OF COL. PUISH JUNG

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 30.

I regret to announce the death of Colonel Puish Jung Bahadur Rana, the eldest son of the late General Padam Jung which took place on Sunday afternoon at his residence, Phaphaman Castle, Allahabad. The deceased was only thirty years of age, but was well known not only in the City but to most land-holders and talukdars of the United Provinces. For some time past Colonel Puish Jung had been in indifferent health and in March last he contracted beri-beri. Some ten or twelve days ago Colonel Sweeny of Benares was called in, in addition to the family physicians, and under his treatment the patient was making satisfactory progress. Unfortunately on the 27th of April Colonel Puish Jung caught a severe chill during a thunder storm and rapidly developed pneumonia which brought on the end.

Colonel Puish Jung was to have gone up for the B. A. examination from the Muir Central College, this year.

He leaves two widows but no children.

WEDDING AT POONA.

French—Glennie.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, APRIL 30.

There was a large gathering of friends and brother officers of Colonel Glennie, R.E., Chief Engineer, Military Works Department, and some friends and fellow officers of Mr. George Douglas French, I. C. S., at St. Paul's Church, to witness the latter's nuptials with Miss Glennie, Colonel Glennie's daughter.

The altar and choir stalls were decorated with white flowers, ferns and palms and red cloth.

The bride who was given away by her father looked charming in a lovely bridal dress, and carried a handsome boquet of white flowers.

The service which was choral was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Sellar, M. A., and opened with the well-known wedding hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden; and at its conclusion the hymn "Oh perfect love, all human thought transcending" was sung.

The Royal Engineer Officers formed a steel arch down the aisle as the newly wedded pair passed down to the vestry to the strains of Mendelsohn's March.

The party then drove off to Queen's Gardens, the residence of Colonel Glennie, where a reception was held.

Mr. and Mrs. French afterwards left for Bangalore where the honeymoon will be spent.

THE TURBULENCE IN EASTERN BENGAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 30.

Reports from Narayangang dated April 30th state that further enquiries show that the whole of Eastern Bengal is in a state of unrest. Military Police are held in readiness everywhere. The residents consider the matter serious, but not fraught with danger, provided that Government takes effective and immediate measures for disarming the agitators. Everything is quiet at Dacca.

HOME RACING.

BETTING ON COMING EVENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, APRIL 29.

The following is the latest betting on big events:—

THE 2,000 GUINEAS.

(Race to be run on May 1.—Distance one mile.)

11 to 8 on Slieve Gallion.

6 to 1 against All Black.

6 to 1 Bezonian.

Longer odds against Stick up, Linacre, Acclaim, Gallect, The Welkin, Weathercock.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 30.

The latest betting on the Two Thousand Guineas is as follows:—

8 to 13	Slieve Gallion.
6 to 1	Bezonian.
6 to 1	All Black.
100 to 8	Linacre.
100 to 6	Rockbourne.
20 to 1	Hillsprite,

THE CHESTER CUP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

LONDON, APRIL 29.

(Race to be run on May 8—Distance 2¼ miles.)

7 to 1 Turbine (6st. 12lbs.)

10 to 1 Royal Dram (7st. 8lbs.)

10 to 1 Torpoint (8st. 8lbs.)

THE KEMPTON JUBILEE HANDICAP,

(Race to be run on Saturday May 11.—Distance 1¼ miles.)

4 to 1 Polar Star (7st. 12lbs.)

7 to 1 Polymelus (9st. 12lbs.)

10 to 1 Velocity (9st. 4lbs.)

SAD END OF A POSTAL INSPECTOR.

Death of Mr. Rodericks from Starvation.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, APRIL 30.

A melancholy affair is reported from Upper Burma. It appears that a Postal Inspector named Charles Rodericks, at work in the Northern Division, left Myitkyna some days ago for the purpose of inspecting the Post Office at Sima close to the Chinese border. His horses and kit arrived at Sima in due course but there was no sign of Mr. Rodericks, and the worst being apprehended search parties of Military Police were at once sent out to scour the district in order, if possible, to find some trace of the missing man. His body was finally discovered on April 24th in a jungle about five miles from a little place on the main road called Kazu.

It would seem that the unfortunate man tried to take a short cut to his destination and lost his way and death was due to sheer exhaustion and starvation.

His body was taken to Kazu.

Mr. Rodericks was up to recently Head Clerk in the Money Order Department of the Rangoon Post Office and took up the duties of Postal Inspector barely a month ago.

PRESENTS FROM THE AMIR.

Kind Remembrances.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DEHRA DUN, APRIL 30.

Sirdar Ahmed Ali Khan of His Majesty the Amir's personal staff who left Kabul a fortnight ago and was accompanied by Khawaja Mahomed Khan, A.-D.-C. to the Lieutenant-General, Northern Command, from Peshawar, arrived at Debra Dun last evening with five horses, a present from the Amir, four for the Viceroy and one for Miss Collins, daughter of the Hon'ble E. D. Collins, Commissioner, Calcutta. The horses were despatched by Mr. Davis, Deputy Commissioner, Peshawar, under orders of the Military Secretary to the Viceroy, from Peshawar to Dehra and made over to Mr. Elliot, the Superintendent of the Viceroy's Stables.

The Sirdar and the A.-D.-C. drove round the Cantonments and the Gurkha lines in the Viceroy's brake this morning, and will leave to-day or tomorrow for Simla; thence to Calcutta and finally for Kandahar *via* Quetta, to meet the Amir, after receipt of instructions regarding the disposal of Miss Collins' present.

M. CHAILLYS' BOOK ON INDIA.

Translation by Mr. W. S. Meyer.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 30.

Mr. W. S. Meyer, C. I. E., until recently Finance Secretary to the Military Department, has undertaken the translation M. Chaillys' book on India, both the French and English editions of which will be published simultaneously.

DISBANDING OF MOPLAH REGIMENTS.

Mr. Morley's Sanction Awaited.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 30.

There have been several statements that the 77th and the 78th Moplah Rifles have been ordered to be disbanded forthwith. As a matter of fact the Secretary of State's sanction has not yet been received, as the Despatch proposing the disbandment has only just reached him. If sanction be given, it is proposed to raise a second battalion for the 7th and 8th Gurkhas.

THE 40TH PATHANS.

Circulation of Sinister Rumours.

NATIVE PRESS RESPONSIBLE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 30.

Sensational statements were published in a Calcutta Native paper recently and quoted in other papers with regard to the Company of the 40th Pathans stationed at Jhelum. The *Pioneer* has the best authority for saying that these statements were grossly exaggerated and bore no resemblance to truth. They give very highly coloured version of a disciplinary matter which is of no importance and no concern to anyone outside the regiment.

MAHOMEDAN BUDMASH ATTACKS A GIRL.

Result of Illicit Love.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 30.

This afternoon a Mahomedan budmash, named Abdulla, attacked a girl who was in his keeping, with a razor inflicting three frightful gashes which are likely to prove fatal and then cut his own throat and fell dead by her side. It appears that she was married and her brother-in-law had come from Rai Bareilli to take her away. Abdulla was against this, hence the attack.

THE AUNDH COMMISSION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MAHABALESHWAR, APRIL 30.

The Commission sat again to-day. Doctor Vasudeo Desai stated:—I am Medical Officer of Ichalkaranji. Doctor Ruiker gave me an introductionary letter to the Chief of Aundh. I posted it and got a reply in December. I went to Aundh in February to see the Dispensary. I saw the Chief pass the Dispensary on *purnima* at about eleven, His wife followed later going towards the town. I stopped the rest of the day with the Chief. The Chief told me to apply for the post in May. The Chief and Rani went out the day after *purnima* at 9 and returned at 12. The Chief went out again at four. Three men brought a box after the Chief left. Two were prisoners, and one fouzdar. After the Chief returned I heard a servant say the cage contained geese. The cage was given to a sentry near the sleeping tent. The next day the Chief and Rani and I went to Kinhai.

Cross-examined by Mr. Rao:—I dined on arrival at Aundh on 9th February with Rambagh. I knew the men who brought the box were prisoners as one had fetters and the other Jail clothing. The reason I did not get the Aundh doctor's post was, I think, owing to the financial state of Aundh. I did not know that the Kharbari did not want me as I was inexperienced.

To the Court.—The Chief invited me to stop with him in the tents, that is why I went.

Vaman Pursharam, Treasurer of Aundh, put in some books showing the expenses incurred for the Chief going from Kinbai to Aundh on *purnima* also the expenses incurred by the ceremony.

Mahdeo Manohar Karim said he went ahead of the Chief to Aundh to make preparation. The Chief arrived for *purnima*. The Chief and Rani went for the worship ceremony. The next day when the Chief and Rani went out two prisoners and fouzdar brought the geese. He heard of Desai as he prepared fast dinner for him the day after *purnima*. The next day the Chief and Rani went to Kinbai.

Cross-examined by Mr Rao.—Balku Ingle accompanied the Chief to Aundh on *purnima*. The fouzdar who brought the geese for dinner with the Chief the same day at noon. This was the first time I saw him. He is now dead. I saw Pirya Mang about 3 months ago; he was pointed out to me. I cannot say whether he brought the birds or not to the tent.

Re-examined witness said:—I saw the birds the next day.

To the Court.—The birds were first brought to the bungalow as it is on the way from the Jail to the tents.

At this stage two letters from Jacob Bapuji to the Chief were read; the first dated 6th February was that there was no money in the treasury and that he had raised a loan of Rs. 800 for his own pay and to pay Kiloskar's bills; the second dated 5th March was telling the Chief there was no money at all in the treasury and that he was arranging loans, meanwhile telling the Chief to mortgage his jewels and raise money, and that he would not further trouble him.

The Rani being indisposed her evidence will be taken in her house on Thursday.

PLAGUE IN KARACHI.

Dissatisfaction Among Students.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, APRIL 30.

A public meeting of the citizens of Hyderabad, Sind was held on Sunday in Holmested Hall for the purpose of considering the tension of feeling caused between the Principal and the students of the Dayaram Jethmal Sind College. There was an unusually large gathering of non-student community and several resolutions were passed. The first of these deplored the present situation and requested steps being taken to restore the students' confidence in the Principal. The second resolution regretted that the students of the College were not allowed to leave Karachi earlier when plague was prevalent, the result being that three students were attacked, of whom one actually died; the third resolution expressed regret at the systematic and heavy fines imposed by the Principal on students for petty faults, and at the recent issue of letters refusing re-admission to a number of students except they pass certain test, the meeting doubting if the Principal had power to do this.

An influential Committee was then appointed to represent matters to the College Board.

In view of the increase of plague in Karachi and with the object of encouraging the people at large to ensure their own safety by resorting to inoculation rules the Collector and many other members of the Collector's establishment in all branches were inoculated yesterday at Katcherry.

THE ARBUTHNOT PROSECUTION.

Sureties Offered.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 30.

In connection with yesterday's Police Court proceedings Sir Henry King produced Sir George Arbuthnot before Mr. Clarke, Chief Presidency Magistrate, in his Chambers, to-day, there being present Mr. E. B. Powell, Public Prosecutor, with Solicitor, Mr. James Short, on behalf of Sir George Arbuthnot. Sir Henry King undertook to furnish, in case a bailable warrant was issued, two sureties of Rs. 20,000 each in cash. Mr. Powell stated he was unable to accept the proposal without first obtaining instruction of Government in the matter. The case stands adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow pending receipt of reply from Government who have been telegraphed to.

THE VICEROY'S AUTUMN TOUR.

Probable Visit to Burma.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 30.

His Excellency the Viceroy's autumn tour this year will include a visit to Burma towards the end of November.

VICEREGAL FIXTURES AT SIMLA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 29.

The following Viceregal fixtures at Simla are now settled:—

Dinner, May 9th.
Garden Party, May 17th.
Levee, May 24th.
State Ball, May 30th; and
Eton Dinner, June 4th.

BHOWNAGAR NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BHOWNAGAR, APRIL 28

Reports of heavy showers of rain having fallen at Junagad, Jetalser and Verawal have reached here. At Junagad 73 cents. were measured, at Jetalser 60: Limbdi also received rain, with storms, amounting to 50 cents. The weather prophets declare that monsoon currents are thus spending themselves away.

The Agent to His Excellency the Governor, during his stay here, inspected all the schools, as well as the courts, and was highly pleased with the arrangements going on. He left yesterday by mail for Songad, when a Guard-of-Honour, with band, presented arms as he came up. The platform was filled to its utmost, all the officials and others being present. His Highness the Maharaja had come down to see him off. As the train steamed out, a salute of thirteen guns was fired.

The Magistrate of Wadhwan has sentenced two females to suffer nine months' imprisonment for stealing the jewels of their fellow-passengers while travelling in the same railway carriage.

MAHABLESHWAR NOTES AND NEWS.

Sunshine and Rain.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MAHABLESHWAR, APRIL 29.

Once more a change in the weather, and this time a welcome one. We have had a whole week of rain, which several times was quite monsoonish in character, and on Thursday there was a terrific thunderstorm in the afternoon which lasted for several hours, accompained by one of the heaviest downpours of rain I have ever seen. Some of the lightning flashes were appallingly close and it seems almost incredible that no damage was done here. Some was done on the road, however, as the heavy rain washed down a lot of rocks and debris on the Pasarni Ghat and, on Friday morning, one car coming up was delayed for an hour and a half by a huge boulder that had to be cleared off the road before the motor could proceed.

I hear, too, that the Yenna Falls and Chinaman's Falls are both full of water and well worth seeing in this condition which is rarely the case in the hot weather. The Clerk of the Weather has been good to us at last though, and Sunday and Monday were perfectly glorious days, with bright sunshine—just like the best sort of day in May at Home—long may it continue.

H. E. the Governor, accompanied by an A.D.C., arrived here on Friday about 11 a.m. in his car, fortunately before the rain began, and drove straight to Government House, the only sign of anything unusual happening being a few policemen scattered along the road.

The Flower Show was held in the Reay Gardens on Friday afternoon in spite of the rain. The exhibits which suffered most were the table decorations, which had been arranged under 'chuppers,' but these were quite incapable of keeping off the heavy showers which fell from time to time early in the afternoon. Among the prize-winners were Lady Edgerley, who took 1st Prize for Table Decorations, and Mrs. Branson to whose share fell no fewer than seven prizes, a most encouraging result for the care and trouble expended on her exhibits.

There was to have been Tea on the Club tennis courts in the afternoon, but the idea had to be abandoned on account of the unfortunately wet conditions prevailing. Rain had turned the Reay Gardens into a duck-pond, through which one had to wade, ankle-deep in mud, from one exhibit to another; and one gentleman was heard to ask a Lady at the Club afterwards, if she had been to the "Shower Flow," a very happy Spoonerism.

There was a full moon on Sunday night, and Mrs. Muir-Mackenzie gave a very successful Tea and Dinner Picnic at Pertabgarh, and the weather conditions could not have been better if they had been expressly ordered for the occasion. The programme was tea at the bottom of the Hill, then an expedition to see the Fort at the top, and afterwards a return to dinner at the bottom again.

There are still some Hog Deer and Barking Deer to be met with occasionally in the jungles round here, but alas! most of the game in the vicinity has vanished—driven away, I am told, by a pack of wild dogs which arrived some little time ago. The sambhar which, till lately, were beginning to increase round about, have completely disappeared.

There is to be a Cafe Chantant at the Frere Hall on Wednesday next, on behalf of the New Leper Asylum which is to be opened at Satara. I hear there is to be no fixed price for refreshments, so, as all the young ladies in the station are going to act as waitresses, their blandishments should succeed in wheedling a good sum for the benefit of the Fund out of the pockets of the Sahibs.

Wednesday is a very good night for an entertainment of this sort, as it is the Guest-Night at the Club. I have heard of several parties already arranged, and we hope to be honoured by the presence of many members of the fair sex, whom we are only too glad to see in the Club.

THE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR—I have read with interest the correspondence which has appeared in your valuable paper during the past few days, with regard to the new ruling of the Bombay Gymkhana Committee in connection with the forthcoming Aga Khan Hockey Tournament.

The new ruling referred to, which has evoked a certain amount of sympathy and a great deal of antipathy, fringes on the question as to whether members of the competing teams ought to have free access to the Public 'First' Enclosure as hitherto. From the letters that have been published by you it would seem that the majority (and I should think a very large majority outside the Gymkhana, of course) of the general public is in favour of things remaining as they have heretofore been. The Gymkhana might just as well ask a person to help in amateur theatricals, or at a concert, and refuse him admission to same during his 'off' hours unless he pays for it. Whether this is the way they run things I cannot say. However, to revert to the question at issue.—Do members of the Gymkhana Hockey Team pay for admission into the "First" Enclosure, or does the usual Tournament Entrance Fee only confer on them this privilege?

If, as stated, the Gymkhana have year after year found themselves out of pocket, in *attempting* to successfully run the Tournament, why, surely it is high time they handed over the responsibility to some other Club, which could, and would, bring things to a state nearer perfection than has hitherto been the case. In any case, the most soft-hearted person in the world could not credit the Gymkhana with philanthropy. Compare this with the way the Rovers do things in connection with their annual Football Tournament.

The proceeds of the gate for at least two evenings every season are devoted to charity. The members of the winning team are presented with a gold medal each and the runners-up with silver medals.

And yet they can show a balance considerably on the right side of the sheet! The Gymkhana on the other hand have devoted only one evening's gate money to charity since the inauguration of the tournament about ten years ago, and have never awarded medals of any sort to even the winning team, their plea being that the finances of the tournament do not permit it! Surely, this is ridiculous!!!

With regard to the question of refreshments for the competing teams, which has been touched upon by "Bats," the lack of sufficiency of these has always been remarked upon, and in this respect also the expenses of the Gymkhana are not considerably less than those of the Rovers, who provide not only sufficient, but enough, for the players on any one particular evening.

With regard to your correspondent "Free Lance's" remark that "people should not intrude where they are not welcome," who is Free Lance? Who is he that is mighty among men? If competing teams are not welcome in the First Enclosure to Free-Lance, surely they are not fit to play in the tournament—but who can gainsay the wisdom of His Senile Majesty.

In conclusion I may say that not a year passes without a dispute on one point or another in connection with the running of this Tournament, and it is indeed time the management was taken out of the present hands.

TOURNAMENT.

II.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—As a lover of Sport (and Fair Play), I trust you will afford me the use of your columns to ventilate what I believe to be quite a new feature introduced by the Bombay Gymkhana into the Rules of the approaching Aga Khan Hockey Tournament and to invite public opinion on the same. The Rule referred to runs, "that players shall not be permitted into the Public First Enclosure unless they purchase Admission Tickets in the same way as the general public." Considering it is the players who attract the "Gate," in the proceeds of which the Clubs they represent have no share, and considering that at least four-fifths of these same players are not perhaps in the same position pecuniarily as Gymkhana players, and considering also that there is no concrete or tangible return to the winners or runners-up in the shape of Medals such as are given in the Rovers' Football Tournament, I submit that this new rule is, to put it mildly, most unfortunate, and should, in the best interests of Sport, be at once rescinded. I understand a similar rule was sought to be introduced in last year's Tournament, but thanks to the spirited opposition of a thorough good sportsman (himself a Gymkhana member)—unfortunately away at present on leave—the matter was dropped at the last moment.—Yours, etc.,

AN EX-PLAYER.

NEWS of a shocking affair comes from Shanghai. Mrs. Percebois (wife of Mr. D. Percebois, Assistant in the Imperial Maritime Customs Service), was recently murderously attacked by a Chinaman. The man, who was formerly in the domestic service of Mrs. Percebois, burglariously entered the house at night and, being interrupted in his design, which was obviously that of robbery, ferociously attacked Mrs. Percebois with a knife, stabbing her several times on the neck, arms and breast. The miscernat escaped in the dark.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

Premiers Entertained.

AN ADVISORY COUNCIL.

NAVAL DEFENCE.

[FROM AUSTRALIAN PAPERS.]

LONDON, APRIL 13.

Sir Joseph Ward, Dr. Jameson, and Mr. Moor were last night entertained at a banquet by the Edinburgh University Union.

Speeches, in which references were made to the Colonial Conference, were delivered by the guests of the Union.

Sir Joseph Ward declared that personally he was very hopeful that the historical Conference, which would open on Monday, would prove resultful.

It would, he considered, be almost an insult to expect anything else, because if nothing were achieved there would soon be no necessity for the Conferences.

Referring to the creation of an Advisory Imperial Council, Sir Joseph urged that some such body was necessary to assist in the settlement of great matters of Imperial and colonial concern during the intervals between the Conferences.

Unless the Motherland and the colonies woke up and stood shoulder to shoulder, and acted simultaneously and vigorously, he warned them that they would be unable to obtain an increase in their present trade in face of the persistent efforts of subsidised foreign competitors.

The New Zealand Premier admitted the great delicacy of the naval defence problem but he considered that the necessities of the Empire demanded united practical action in order to prepare in times of peace an absolutely effective organisation for war.

The views expressed by the speaker were greeted with great applause.

A UNITED EMPIRE.

SPEECH BY MR. DEAKIN.

The visiting colonial Premiers were guests at the Australasian Merchants' banquet held at the Trocadero Restaurant last night. The Earl of Jersey (Governor of New South Wales in 1890-3) presided over a gathering of 150 persons. Those present included Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton (Governor of South Australia in 1895-8), Sir George Sydenham Clarke (Governor of Victoria in 1901-4). Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Sir Edward Montague Nelson, and Sir Robert Lucas Tooth, Capt. R. M. Collins, officer in charge of the Commonwealth Office in London, and the Agents-General of the Australian colonies.

The Chairman proposed the toast of "A United Empire," coupled with the name of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth (Mr. Deakin), whose lofty ideals and honoured career were, he said, among the Empire's treasures.

Mr. Deakin, who met with an enthusiastic reception, referred to the absence from politics of Mr. Chamberlain, and said that the loss of that statesman was felt to the extremities of the Empire.

The first and greatest means of attaining a United Empire, declared Mr. Deakin, was co-operation for mutual defence. This was on an unsatisfactory basis at present, because the colonies were incomplete and growing communities, and were hardly strong enough to assume that full share of burdens and responsibilities which they would undoubtedly claim hereafter. Meanwhile, they required some voice if they shared the responsibilities of action.

Mr. Deakin referred to the unequalled, visible, untouched mineral resources of Australia and the immense possibilities of her fruitful soil, and hoped that a stream of vigorous British emigration would be diverted to the Commonwealth.

He said he was unable to understand those who despised trade as a means of uniting the Empire. He emphatically denied that Australians regarded preference as an ingenious device to benefit themselves at the Motherland's expense. Preference with all the advantage on one side would soon fail.

Australia, Mr. Deakin proceeded, made a business proposition to the Motherland of mutual preferences for their mutual advantage. If the motherland considered it valueless, Australians would be the last to press its acceptance.

He failed, he said to understand, Britain's attitude of timidity and fear of what the other nations would think Australia proposed to give preference to British goods, ships, and men, and did not intend to come as supplicants, soliciting some concessions to her weakness of needs.

He hoped that the adoption of an Imperial policy would remove the motherland's present attitude of despondency, hesitancy, and uncertainty. "What we have," he said, let us hold, for we can hold it by our own people.

Sir John Cockburn proposed British-Australasian Trade.

Sir William Lyne, Commonwealth Minister for Customs, who replied, said it was necessary to quicken British interest in the Commonwealth, which was apparently little thought of in the Motherland.

Many, said the Australian Minister, seemed not to want Australian trade, but the colonial Premiers hoped to induce Britain to take the products of British people instead of that of foreigners. Australians, he stated, would be able to supply produce cheaper than it could be obtained elsewhere, if Britain would take it.

THE PRESS AND THE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Deakin and Mr. W. M. Hughes were entertained at lunch by the editor of the *Daily Chronicles*, at the National Liberal Club, to meet a dozen editors of Liberal newspapers.

Mr. Deakin, on behalf of the colonial Premiers, strongly urged Lord Elgin, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to admit the Press to the Conference. He said that the Premiers did not leave their posts for months to sit with closed doors and to keep their constituents in ignorance of what was being done.

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOTE.

While the London Chamber of Commerce has decided to inform the Prime Minister, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, that the recent poll was largely favourable to protection the freetrade group has insisted that the Prime Minister be also informed that the poll only include 1,549 votes out of 3,200.

IMPERIAL UNITY.

AN ESSENTIAL STEP.

The *Times* publishes a special article which, in indicating the general lines of approach towards Imperial unity, advocates the very cheapest, if not free, Press cabling facilities to the colonies as one of the most essential prerequisites to any advance in the direction of Imperial partnership.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

LORD ELGIN TO CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS.

Sir Francis Hopwood, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Colonial Office, states that the Press will be excluded at the opening of the Conference, which will itself determine the subsequent procedure.

It is believed that the Prime Minister, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman will merely formally welcome the Premiers and make a non-committal reference to the programme leaving Lord Elgin, the Colonial Secretary, to conduct the proceedings.

The Premiers are very dissatisfied with the arrangement to exclude the Press.

Mr. Deakin warmly advocates fullest publicity. He has written to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman protesting against secrecy and insisting that at least there should be published daily a pretty full precis of the results, disclosing the sentiment of the different speakers.

Lord Elgin hopes that fifteen sittings, extending to May 8, will be sufficient, although of this he is doubtful.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.

ATTITUDE OF THE SYNDICATE.

It is not expected that anything will be done respecting the Australian-English mail coatract until some move is made by the syndicate.

Mr. Deakin, the Commonwealth Prime Minister, is waiting on the syndicate to go on or, in the alternative to make some explanation.

It is probable that the matter will remain in abeyance pending the return of Mr. Trevisa Clark who recently visited Australia on behalf of the syndicate.

NEW HEBRIDES.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION.

Neither Mr. Deakin nor Sir Joseph Ward have received invitations to appoint representatives of the Commonwealth and New Zealand respectively to an Anglo-French Committtee to be formed for the purpose of considering the salaries and the conditions of service of the officials of the Joint Court in the New Hebrides.

Both Premiers are rather disposed not to assume any responsibility, since they were not consulted in connection with the Convention which provided for the establishment of the Joint Court.

Mr. Deakin intends to raise the whole question at the Colonial Conference at the earliest opportunity, and he will touch, among other points, on the conveyance of intoxicants to the islands by French steamers.

FIRE ON A STEAMER.

CARGO DAMAGED.

A fire broke out in the main hold of the "Aparima,' a steamer of 5,704 tons, belonging to the Union S. S Company, of New Zealand, during her voyage from Calcutta to Australasia, and damaged the cargo.

The vessel is being unloaded at Singapore, preparatory to a survey.

FAMINE IN CHINA.

FIVE THOUSAND DEATHS DAILY.

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS.

The famine in China has been followed by terrible suffering.

Three million people are nearing starvation, and five thousand deaths from privation are occurring daily.

Cannibalism is being resorted to, and parents are exchanging their children, which are being eaten to allay the pangs of hunger.

It is estimated that fifteen million dollars are required for the relief of the famine-stricken communities. China has contributed four million dollars, and 500,000 dollars have been received from foreigners. It is considered impossible to raise all the rest of the money required in China.

AN EIGHT HOURS DAY.

BRITISH LEGISLATION.

The Coal Mines Eight Hours Bill has been read a second time in the House of Commons without a division.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, the Home Secretary, in accepting the principle of the measure, said it would be necessary to amend some of the clauses to render it workable.

MR. BOTHA AND SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

London, April 14.

Mr. Louis Botha, the Premier of the Transvaal, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier of Canada, have arrived in London.

BOMBAY CYCLE THIEVES.

Wholesale Plundering of Machines.

For some months Bombay has suffered from a plague of bicycle thieves, so that it will interest cyclists to know that on Thursday one of the most glaring stories of wholesale cycle plundering will be unravelled at the Esplanade Police Court. The extraordinary thing about it is that the recent thefts have been committed in such an artful manner that the Criminal Investigation Department has been simply nonplussed. Of course, nothing is easier in crime than cycle-thieving, but how the bicycles are hidden or disposed of is another matter. In this particular case the culprit is a Native cycle dealer in the Fort. For a long time it has been his custom to go on the prowl in the twilight around the Bunder and the Bandstand. To jump on a bike and run off with it was child's play. It is believed that about a hundred cycles have been thus dexterously purloined during the past few months. To clean a machine and recoat the frame with black enamel was merely a night's work, and next day the cycle went off to Ahmedabad to be disposed of by a dealer there. It is impossible yet to say how many stolen bicycles have thus suddenly gone from Bombay, but their number must be great, for many of them have already been identified by their owners. The number is, however, believed to be well over a hundred. Thanks to an anonymous letter the police got on to the track, and the bicycles are now being returned to Bombay in batches where they will shortly be destributed to their owners The accused bicycle-thief was charged with the committal of the offence in Bombay on Monday, when the case was adjourned till Thursday. One of the machines just sent down from Ahmedabad for identification is a "Quadrant," by J. A. Kirkbride, another is a "Mentor," the property of Mr. H. G. Otto, and there are several which have been so successfully re-enamelled that it is impossible to find any identification marks upon them. The police, who have been on the scent of the thief for months, are keenly at work on the case. It may be mentioned, for the fore-warning of cyclist, that it is the commonest thing imaginable amongst a certain class of youthful Mahommedans to seize any cycle they happen to spot about the Apollo Bunder, to ride it for hours, and then throw it under the trees on the Queen's Road, at Kalbadevi, or elsewhere. They dare not take it home, but they do not mind stealing the bike, and ruining it, too. This sort of theft is a daily occurrence in Bombay, and cyclists cannot be too careful not to leave their machines at the mercy of the Mussalman prowlers about the Apollo Bunder.

DEFACED TELEGRAPH STAMPS

Three Bengalis Charged with Fraudulent Use.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 30.

Three Bengali Booking Clerks of the Government Telegraph Office, Ganendra Kumar Mitter, Jotindra Mohan Bose and Natindranath Mitter, are being tried at the Calcutta Police Court for having fraudulently used defaced stamps, thus defrauding Government of its legal dues.

It seems that these frauds extend over a long period and cover a large sum of Government revenue.

CONSECRATION OF CEMETERIES.

Bishop of Lahore at Malakand and Dargai.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 29.

On the 21st and 22nd instant, the Bishop of Lahore consecrated the Malakand and Darga Cemeteries.

ANOTHER TRIBAL RAID.

Utman Khels Attack a Survey Party.

TWO KILLED ON EITHER SIDE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 29.

A gang of Utman Khels, two hundred strong, on a raiding expedition, having met a Survey Party near Kot, about ten miles west of Dargai, fired upon them, killing two *khalassies*.

The men of Kot and Khonore drove off the raiders who lost two killed and one wounded.

ORIENTAL ART SOCIETY OF INDIA.

Lord Kitchener Elected First President.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 30.

A Society has been formed in Calcutta having for its object the cultivation by its members, and promotion amongst the public, of a knowledge of all the branches of ancient and modern Oriental art.

It is to be known as the Oriental Art Society of India.

Lord Kitchener has been elected first President and Mr. Justice Rampini, Vice-President.

EMPIRE OF INDIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,

The tenth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held yesterday afternoon at the registered office of the Company No. 11 Elphinstone Circle, Fort. Mr. Chubildas Lalloobhoy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presiding. In proposing the adoption of the report, the Chairman said :— I will with your permission take the report as read and confine my remarks to such features as appear to call for special comment. It is not necessary that I should detain you at any length, as the report itself gives, as usual, the fullest information as to the operations of the year—which have been of a most satisfactory character. In the first place our new business for the year totals to about Rs. 36 lakhs—or an increase of over Rs. 12. lakhs over the business of the preceding year. This in itself shows the confidence which the public has in our Company. Turning to the question of mortality you will have noticed that our experience for last year was again satisfactory and that the total amount of our claims was as moderate as in the preceding year. The economy in management which distinguished our former reports has been well maintained and our expenses were again most moderate in amount. Another very favourable feature is the large increase in the Assurance Fund. It has increased by over Rs 4 lakhs and now amounts to more than Rs. 16 lakhs. I may here appropriately call your attention to the fact that our Securities have always been lodged with the Bank of Bombay for safe custody and appended to our report you will have noticed the Bank's certificate. In addition to all these satisfactory features we recommend the payment of a dividend at the handsome rate (including the bonus) of 13 per cent, I may mention that our econd valuation is being made by Mr. G. F. Hardy, our Consulting Actuary, and one of the leading Actuaries of the day. Our rates of premium as you know are considerably below the general average of other offices, but notwithstanding this we expect there will be a good surplus to be divided which means a good bonus to the policyholders and a higher dividend to the shareholders. The Company is doing a substantial and sound business, and I confidently invite your co-operation in our efforts to secure a further expansion of business to the advantage of shareholders and policyholders alike.

The following extracts are taken from the director's report :—

During the year 2,786 Life Proposals were made to the Company for assuring sums amounting to Rs. 46,16,500. Of this snumber 2,305 have resulted in Policies and the remainder have either been declined or accepted on terms which have not been acceded to by the Proposers, or are awaiting completion.

The new Assurances effected during the year amounted to Rs. 85,91,000, and the premium in respect thereof amounted to Rs. 1,81,491-13-0 of which Rs. 2,500 was by single payment. This result compares most favourably with that of the tenth year working of other Life Offices. The total number of Policies in force on the books of the Company is 8,035 assuring in the aggregate Rs.1,28,90,157, and of this amount Rs.453,999 are re-insured. Claims, arising from the death of 48 persons for the aggregate amount of Rs 83,350 and 63 Matured Endowment Policies for Rs. 17,361, were paid during the year. Of the former amount Rs. 2,500 were re-assured. Great care continues to be exercised in the selection of the risks, as is evidenced by the fact that so few claims have occurred during a time, when, owing to pestilence of the utmost severity, an exceptionally high mortality has been experienced in the country. The economy in management which distinguished the former reports has been well maintained and the aggregate expenditure only amounted to Rs, 152,978-14-2. If this aggregate be set against the premium income, the ratio comes out as 23·9 for the tenth year—a result which, considering the large amount of new business, is believed to be not only far below the average, but the lowest recorded by any Company of the same age. The Life Assurance Fund which, at the beginning of the year, was Rs.12,00,543-14 has been increased by Rs. 4,01,77-2-1 and now amounts to Rs. 16,02,320-3-5.

Bonds aggregating Rs. 5,36,350 have been issued and the premiums in respect, thereof amount to Rs. 5,587-8. The business is of a satisfactory character, and shows signs of increasing in amount. Claims amounting to Rs. 479-8-0 were paid during the year. The directors recommend a dividend of 12½ per cent. per annum which, with the Bonus of 3/4 per cent, will make a total distribution to shareholders of 13 per cent. for the last year. The second valuation of the Company's Assets and Liabilities for the Quinquennium ending 28th February last is being made by the Consulting Actuary and you will be advised of his report in due course.

The Board of Directors desire the co-operation of the shareholders and policyholders in pointing out to their friends the benefits of Life Assurance and the very favourable terms on which Assurances may be obtained in the Company,

The Directors' report and audited statements of accounts for the year ending 28th February 1907, were received and adopted, and a dividend at the rate of 12-1/4 per cent. per annum was declared. The retiring director, Mr. Chubildas Lalloobhoy was re-elected, and Messrs. Cornforth and Mistry were re-appointed auditors. Votes of thanks were passed to the medical advisers for the directors for the office staff and agents and the usual compliment to the chairman terminated the business.

MYMENSINGH DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Passing of Inflammatory Resolutions.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 30.

At the Mymensingh District Conference Babu Surendranath Banerjee was a speaker.

Resolutions protesting against the Partition, adopting Swadeshi and Boycott, and expressing sympathy with the sufferers at Comilla, Mogra, Brahmanberia and Jamalpur were passed.

It is this boycotting which is causing all the trouble between the Hindus and Mahomedans.

PENDING TRIAL OF JAMES THORNTON.

Alleged Culpable Homicide.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 30.

Mr. James Thornton, Assistant Manager of the South Jute Mill in Alam Bazar, Baranagire in the suburbs of Calcutta, is awaiting trial for culpable homicide not amounting to murder, for having, it is alleged, on the 26th instant, repeatedly kicked a cooly who died of his injuries the following day at the Cossipore Hospital.

The case is now before the Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Barrackpore and the accused has been released on bail for Rs. 1,000.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY BRIGADE ORDERS.

An examination in Tactical Fitness for Command, "Part I (Appx. VIII, K. R., as amended by Army Orders, December, 1906), will take place in the R. G. A. Lecture Room, Colaba, on Wednesday, the 8th instant, commencing at 10 A.M.

Major H. H. Rich, R.G.A., is appointed to supervise.

Major N. Kirby, R.E., will attend for examination.

Privilege leave of absence is granted to the undermentioned Officer as follows :—Lieutenant M. C. Lake, 109th Infantry, from 17th May to 16th July, 1907.

LANGUAGES.

The undermentioned Officer and Non-Commissioned Officers have permission to appear before the Civil and Military Examination Committee, which assembles at the New Secretariat at Bombay, at 11 A.M., on Monday, the 6th May, 1907, for examination in Oriental languages noted below :—Hindustani—Higher Standard, Part I.—Lieutenant F. A. G. Roughton, R.G.A. Captain Hassells Yates, G.A., R.G.A. Lieutenant A. Mackrell, 109th Infantry. Hindustani—Lower Standard, Part I.—Lieutenant R. M. Greig, 113th Infantry. Lieutenant R. M. N. Forbes, R.G.A. 2nd-Lieutenant H. de N. Lucas, 2nd Royal Scots. 2nd-Lieutenant J. R. Boothby, 2nd Royal Scots. Hindustani—Lower Standard, Part II.—Lieutenant W. J. Fraser, I.M.S. Lieutenant C. M. Yates, R.G.A. (subject (d) only). 2nd-Lieutenant H. de N. Lucas, 2nd Royal Scots. 2nd Lieutenan J. R. Boothby, 2nd Royal Scots. Corporal G. A. Patten, R.E. (subject (d) only).

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD APRIL 30.

Lord Kitchener the Commander-in-Chief, and the Army Department are at present buy with the re-organisation of Indian Commands. It is not likely that orders will be issued before the 1st of June.

THE SCHOOL FINAL EXAMINATION.

The following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 23rd February has been issued as a Press Note. "With reference to Government Resolution of 25th April 1905, I have the honour to submit my report on the School Final Examination of 1906, which was held on November 26th 1906, and following days at the following Centres :—Bombay, Poona, Ahmedabad, Dharwar and Karachi.

The Divisional Educational Inspectors and the Principal, Elphinstone High School, Bombay, acted as Superintendents as before, assisted by a local Committee of expert officers. This was the first examination held under the revised syllabus sanctioned by Government, Educational Department, Notification of April 25th, 1905. The papers were, as usual, mostly set by Educational officers, and the same papers were set at each Centre with the necessary modifications for the Vernacular subjects.

The standard of the Examination was the same as in the previous two years.

The number of candidates who were registered for the Examination was 646 as against 643 of the previous year. Out of this number 8 did not appear. The number examined was, therefore, 638, of whom 244 passed, giving a percentage of 38 as against 25 of the last year. The names of the successful candidates were published in the *Bombay Government Gazette*.

"The results for each Centre were as under :—

Centre.	Number examined.	Number passed.
Bombay	164	55
Poona	145	50
Ahmedabad	126	61
Dharwar	153	53
Karachi	50	25
Total....	638	244

In the compulsory subjects the result were as follows :—

Subject.		Number of candidates.	Number passed.	Percentage of success.
English	Written ...	638	359	56
	Oral	598	368	61
Arithmetic		638	507	79
Vernacular‡	Written ..	638	486	73
	Oral	599	471	78
History and Geography	History ..	638	507	79
	Geography	638	420	65

‡ Name of the Vernacular.	Number appeared	Number passed.
Marathi	326	215
Gujarati	118	93
Kanarese	133	96
Sindhi	48	34
Urdu	12	8
French	1	1
Total....	638	447

In the optional subjects the results were as follows :—

Subject.	Number of candidates.	Number passed.	Percentage of success.
* I. Classical Languages....	64	48	75
II. Political Economy.......	106	68	64
III. Book-keeping and Commercial correspondence	22	16	72
IV. Mathematics	153	111	72
V. Physics	1	1	100
VI. Chemistry	10	7	70
VII. Botany	148	114	77
VIII. Agriculture	33	24	72
IX. Drawing	82	75	91
X. Manual Training	3	2	66
XI. Shorthand and Typewriting	16	9	56

* Names of the Classical Languages.	Number appeared.	Number passed.
Sanskrit	31	28
Persian	32	19
Arabic	1	1
Total	64	48

"The total number of candidates was practically the same as last year. There was a marked increase at the Poona and Dharwar Centres, but a great falling off at Ahmedabad and Karachi. The Educational Inspector, Northern Division, states that boys continue to appear for Matriculation in preference to the School Final Examination in the belief that the rules about the qualifications for Government service are not always strictly enforced, and that they will be successful in obtaining an appointment in spite of their not having passed the School Final Examination.

"All the candidates were members of recognized schools which they had attended for at least two years previous to the Examination.

"This year's Examination was the first held according to the revised Syllabus. Candidates are now only required to take one optional subject instead of two, and this has undoubtedly simplified the Examination without lessening its efficiency as a final test of a boy's work at school. The increase in the percentage of passes, 38 against 25 last year, is due to some extent to this cause, but at the same time, judging from the reports of the Superintendents of the five Centres, I am convinced that there has been a marked improvement in the quality of the candidates, and that most of the High Schools are now training boys more efficiently for the Examination, the importance of which is clearly recognised, though perhaps to a less extent in the Northern Division and Sind than in the Central Division and Southern Division.

"I will now proceed to give a brief summary of the reports of the Superintendents and the different Examiners:—

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS.

Arithmetic.—The paper was a straightforward one, and the questions were as far as possible of a practical nature. The percentage of passes was high, and most of the Examiners noted an improvement in point of neatness and method. Candidates as a rule were ignorant of contracted methods of Multiplication and Division, while some did not appear to understand what is meant by giving an answer 'correct to the nearest rupee.' Greater attention should be paid to Decimals.

English.—On the whole, there appears to have been a marked improvement in this subject, especially at Poona and Dharwar, where the Examiners express themselves as well pleased with both the written and oral work. The test in English is a satisfactory one, and the boy who has committed to memory lists of irregular verbs and exceptions to grammatical rules without being able to write a simple sentence correctly has little chance of passing.

The piece set for paraphrase was difficult, and those who attempted it failed hopelessly. Mr. Prior is of opinion that 'very few Englishmen and hardly any Native graduates can paraphrase well, and in the hands of school boys the excercise becomes purely farcical if not crammed beforehand.' He suggests that, instead of setting a paraphrase, a piece of good unseen Vernacular prose should be read aloud and the boys asked to reproduce the substance in 'English.' This will be duly considered and it is probable that 'paraphrasing' will disappear from the English test in 1907. On the whole, there appears to have been an improvement in handwriting and neatness of work.

Vernacular.—Most of the Examiners report a slight improvement on last year's work, but in many cases Grammar and Etymology appear to be neglected, while the Modi handwriting is not yet satisfactory. The Vernacular has now been made a compulsory subject at Matriculation, and a steady improvement in the subject may be expected,

History and Geography.—The History papers were generally well done, although one or two Examiners report that the subject is not always intelligently studied,

The work in Geography, however, was very disappointing, and very little, if any, improvement can be recorded. Special attention is being paid at the Secondary Training College to the methods of teaching Geography, while the Divisional Inspectors are carefully watching the work in this subject when inspecting High Schools. With improved methods of teaching, better results may confidently be expected.

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS.

I. Classical Languages.—The work was generally satisfactory.

II. Political Economy.—This was a popular optional subject, being taken by 106 condidates. Mr. Sathe reports that candidates 'showed a more intelligent knowledge and a better general grasp of the broad principles of Political Economy. He also draw attention to the slovenly work of the Ahmedabad candidates.

III. Book-keeping and Commercial Correspondence. Only 22 candidates took this subject. The Examiner reports that 'Commercial Correspondence seems to have been fairly well taught in nearly all the schools and Book-keeping to have been efficiently taught in the B. J. Parsee Charitable Institution and the Mission School, Surat.

IV. Mathematics.—There was a very large increase in the number taking Mathematics. Mr. Hesketh reports that the Algebra was, on the whole, well done, although explanations in the case of problems were not clearly given. The work in 'Graphs,' which was included for the first time this year, was poor. In Geometry the introduction of Practical Geometry has resulted in a marked improvement in the neatness and accuracy of the work. Candidates, however, still fight shy of problems. If the introduction of the new course in Geometry is to be of any use, boys must be given constant practice in solving simple problems.

V. Physics.—There was only one candidate and he passed.

VI. Chemistry.—There were only 10 candidates. Mr. Dalvi states that most of the candidates did not appear to have had a careful training under a properly qualified teacher, nor had they done sufficient practical work in the Laboratory.

VII. Botany.—A large number of candidates—148—took the subject. Mr. Gammie reports that 'the students have attained a higher standard of excellence and the teachers, judging from the results, have been more practical in their methods.'

VIII. Agriculture.—There were fewer candidates this year. Mr. Knight reports that the answers were much better than in former years, several papers being excellent. The chief improvement was in the knowledge of local Agriculture.

IX. Drawing.—Over 90 per cent. of the candidates passed. Mr. Burns specially praises the Memory Drawing, which be considers to be the most useful subject to students about to engage in the ordinary occupations of life.

X. Manual Training.—The number of candidates—3—was disappointing. This is chiefly the result of splitting up last year's group. Drawing and Manual Training into two, the former being looked upon by candidates as the easier.

XI. Shorthand and Typewriting.—Only 16 candidates appeared. The work in shorthand was not very satisfactory, partly owing to a deficient knowledge of English.

9. The financial result of the Examination is as follows :—

Receipt, Rs. 7,764 ; Expenditure, Rs. 10,287-9-9.

Deficit—Rs. 2,523-9-9.

This deficit is nearly Rs. 900 greater than last year. The reason for this is that there has, on the one hand, been no increase in the number of candidates, and consequently in the free receipts, while, on the other hand, the total number of question papers to be drawn up has increased from 24 to 32, which alone means an increase of Rs. 400. The printing charges have gone up from Rs. 409 to Rs. 768 owing to the fact that the majority of the papers at all Centres have been printed this year, the use of the Neostyle in former years having led to numerous complaints from candidates that the question papers were not legible.

"As regards the cost of printing the certificates, I may point out that this year I ordered 2,000 copies, which will probably suffice for three years.

"The strictest economy was exercised this year in conduct of the Examination. But the expenditure increased as already explained. I regret that I last year misled Government in the remarks made at the close of my report. As a matter of fact the splitting up of the groups of optional subjects has led to an increase in the number of papers. It is, however, to be hoped that the number of candidates will gradually increase and I would deprecate any action which would tend to diminish the efficiency of the test applied.

Resolution of Government in the Educational Department dated the 16th April on the above report.

The report of the Honourable Mr. Giles on the third School Final Examination held by the Educational Department should be published.

The number of candidates examined was practically the same as last year ; but the percentage of successful examinees rose from 25 to 38. This satisfactory results seems to be in no small measure due to the orders issued last year limiting the number of optional subjects. While recognizing the better percentage of passes, Government notice that there has been no increase in the total number of candidates, and that there is a deficit of about Rs. 2,500 in the receipts and expenditure of the Examination.

His Excellency the Governor in Council notices with satisfaction that the percentages of passes at the Ahmedabad and Karachi centres, which were unfavourably commented on last year, have increased from 21 and 15 to 48 and 50, respectively. This result must be regarded as eminently satisfactory.

NEW SCHOOL BOOKS.

The following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 25th February has been issued as a Press Note:—

"I have the honour to forward herewith four books first steps in English, first short Manual for Teachers, the second term in English, the second short Manual for Teachers, and to request that Government will specially sanction their use in Anglo-Vernacular Schools of this Presidency and allow me to notify the same to all schools concerned. I add the following remarks explanatory of this request.

The books have been prepared by Mr. J N Fraser, M.A., Principal, Secondary Training College, Bombay, and are as far as they go an exposition of the teaching of English by the direct method on the system employed in Germany and specially studied by Mr. Fraser during his tour there. The teaching of English by this method to native boys in this country is, of course, in the experimental stage, and it is being carefully worked out by Mr. Fraser himself in the Government Middle School which with the Elphinstone High School serves as a Practising School to the secondary Training College. All that can be said at present as to this experiment is that it bids fair to be successful and that the teaching by the direct method in the Middle School seems likely to be very popular, and has already so far as I am able to judge considerably improved the knowledge of English possessed by the boys in the junior classes of the School.

It appears desirable that the experiment should now be extended and that Managers of schools generally in the Presidency should have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with this method and of introducing it in their junior classes with the aid and guidance of the small but carefully prepared books which Mr. Fraser has compiled.

It is at the same time desirable to guard against the sudden and universal introduction of this system into schools generally and there is the danger that Managers may entrust the system to teachers who have not in any way studied it, who are not perhaps in themselves thoughtful and intelligent instructors, and who may ignore the study of the manuals provided for their guidance and accept the Primers as ordinary text-books to be taught in the old fashion. It is inevitable, I think, that to some extent this will occur, and that there will be cases in which the possibilities of successful teaching by the direct method will be hampered by the lack of intelligence on the part of the teachers.

Disappointments and failures nearly always accompany any new venture in the beginning but that is not, I think, a sufficient reason for withholding from the Educational World all knowledge of a system for which the best results are claimed on the Continent of Europe, and I would prefer to run the risk of partial failure rather than to deprive schools of the opportunity of improvement. Mr. Fraser has very carefully explained his system in manuals which can be comprehended by any careful and intelligent teacher, and I am of opinion that Government may safely allow these books to be issued to schools so that the system which they contain and explain may have a fair and general trial. I have little doubt that in the best schools the trial will be intelligently made and it will be possible in the course of the next year or two to judge how far the system is likely to be popular and successful in this Presidency. The use of the books and the system will, of course, be optional, and, if Government allow their use, care will be taken to make this plain to the public.

It is, in my opinion, desirable that, if Government sanction the use of these books, the sanction should be publicly announced, and it is also most desirable that a word of warning to the School World should accompany the announcement. I venture to suggest that the warning might be conveyed in some such terms as the following, which, I may note, have been supplied to me by Mr. Fraser at my request :—

"In sanctioning the use of these books Government invite the careful attention of Head Masters to the change of method involved in them. No satisfactory results will be obtained by their use as Primers of the ordinary type. It is essential that the instructions to teachers contained in the Teacher's manual should be carefully observed especially on the points of pronounciation, the constant repetition, of questions and answers by the children, and the habitual use, as soon as possible of English Words of Command during the English hour."

The warning is a short one, but if it is issued with the authority of Government it will, I think, have the necessary effect, and, if Government are pleased to sanction the use of these books and at the same time to issue the suggested warning, I would respectfully recommend that the Government Resolution should be published and laid on the Editors' Table.

Resolution of Government in the Educational Department, dated the 19th April on the above letter.

The inclusion of the two books entitled "First Steps in English" and "The Second Term in English" in the list of books authorised for use in Secondary Schools is approved, and the necessary notification, in which attention should be called to the manuals, should be published in the *Government Gazette*.

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BY THE WAY.

GETTING READY FOR HALLEY'S COMET.

Messrs. Cowell and Crommelin, of Greenwich observatory, have been investigating the perturbations of Jupiter on Halley's great comet, the return of which was predicted by the late Comte de Pontecoulant for May 1910, and, as a result, find that Ponte-coulant's computation is probably correct within a month. Pontecoulant, however, calculated that at perihelion the comet would be nearer the earth by nine millions of miles than at its last return in 1835, whereas the Greenwich astronomers find no such difference. Making allowance for, "wear and tear" since 1835, it is estimated that during the coming apparition the comet's tail will extend some eighty lunar diameters across the sky. It is just possible that this year it may be near enough to be photographed, and special watch will be made next month for the Aquarid meteors, with which the comet is believed to be associated.

THE IRISH EPSOM.

When King Edward paid his first visit, as Prince of Wales, to the famous Punchestown Races in 1866, when Lord Kimberley was Viceroy, the place received the name of Princely Puncestown. From that time an annual Viceregal procession to the Irish Epsom, as it is called in recent years, has been de rigueur ; and to-day the Lord-Lieutenant (the Earl of Aberdeen), and a large party from the Viceregal Lodge will attend the races which always attract immense multitudes. The roads from Dublin to Punchestown present scenes far livelier and more comic than those to Epsom on Derby Day ; and of course the races are rendered more exciting by the fact that they are steeplechases. Close by is situated the celebrated Curragh of Kildare, a permanent camp, with accommodation for 12,000 troops.

M. EDMOND BIRE AND THE HUGO LEGEND.

M. Edmond Bire, whose death has occurred owed his best title to fame to his demolition of what may be styled the Hugo Legend. Several biographies of Victor Hugo, possibly inspired by the novelist himself, were published during his lifetime. They were full of astounding statements as to the masters aristocratic origin and the extraordinary precocity of his genius. M. Bire went through these lives page by page and demonstrated that they were a tissue of audacious fabrications. It was a brilliant piece of iconoclasm.

THE READING ROOM IN EARLY DAYS.

The notice of the closing of the Reading Room at the British Museum would scarcely have caused widespread dismay during the early years of the Museum. Twenty chairs and one large table covered with green baize were enough to satisfy the requirements of the readers ; and Gray, the poet, writing in 1759, gloomily declared : I find that they printed 1,000 copies of the Harleian Catalogue and have sold four-score ; that they have £900 a year income and spend £1,300 ; and that they are building apartments for the underkeepers ; so I expect in winter to see the collection advertised and set to auction. But the library had not been long a public possession in 1759, and it was not until the French Revolution sent many learned emigres to England that the Reading Room became at all crowded.

MOSQUITOES AT SOUTH KENSINGTON.

In an official report just issued from the British Museum it is stated that since 1903, when the last report on the collection of mosquitoes was issued, about twelve thousand specimens of these gnats alone have been received in the Department of Zoology, and no fewer than 235 new species have been described by the several experts working on the group. From the Transvaal large collections have been sent in connexion with the malarial investigations along certain of the railroads, and consignments have been received from North and South America, the West Indies, India, Borneo, New Guinea, various districts of Africa, &c., while the cry is, "Still they come'."

THE COURT FOOL AND TENNYSON.

There are anecdotes of many literary lights in the diary of William Allingham, which Messrs Macmillan are about to publish. Tennyson told Allingham about a meeting he had with some of the members of the Royal Family, when he read aloud "The Grandmother. "Allingham asked him why he read that piece, and was told that the Princess of Wales—now Queen Alexandra—asked for it. Tennyson added: "The wind came through an open window, and the Princess whispered, 'Put on your hat' but I said I ought, if possible, to make myself balder than ever before so many Royalties. She said again, 'Oh but put it on!' So I did and I heard afterwards that the King of Denmark's Court fool (they really keep a Court fool) remarked, 'He may be Laureate but he has not learned Court manners."

BOOKS IN AMERICA.

Book publishing is booming in the United States. No fewer than 1,500 volumes have been issued since January, as compared with 1,000 during the same period last year. This output is notable for the great number of books written about America by qualified specialists, including histories of every phase of American life and many biographies. International and inter-State legislation, the rights and responsibilities of nations and individuals, and the movement for international and industrial peace, all receive attention from many pens.

TEARS OUT OF FASHION.

Mr. Marriott Watson recently suggested a symposium on the theme, "Books that have made me cry" : I am ignorant of the results of the symposium—what books were most generally selected at the tear-compellers (writes Mr. Richard Le Gallienne in the current Reader), but I think one may safely hazard a guess that among them there would be few written in the last fifteen or twenty years ; for the tear has been out of fashion in literature for quite that long, and blood has taken its place. Emotion and sentiment have been banished by cynicism and brutality, and for the most part our writers have been as ashamed of showing their feelings—granted, they have any—as some young English officer of dragoons. "In fact," Mr. Le Gallienne adds, "lack of feeling has been the smart note in literature, and such qualities as pity and tenderness, when they have occurred, have seemed pathetically old-fashioned."

SENSATIONAL SALARIES AND FEES.

Tempting as are the golden baits which are luring so many of our leading music-hall "stars" across the Atlantic, the salaries offered (ranging up to £500 a week and possibly more) are paltry compared with the fees paid to famous singers and musicians in America. Leaving out of consideration Madame Patti, to whom the late Henry E. Abbey paid 5,000dols. a night for singing in opera, Jean de Reszke during a recent season averaged £480 nightly in New York ; Madame Nordica's fee for each appearance under Mr. Conreid's management was £230; and Melba, Sembrich, and Calve rarely sing in the States for less than a thousand dollars a night; while for four years, after Mr. Grau gave up the Metropolitan, Caruso sang for Mr. Conreid for a nightly fee of £220 a sum which, we believe, has since been raised to £500. Paderewski has averaged over £30,000 each for his many visits to America and a single recital at Carnegie Hall has often produced £1,000, four-fifths of which is clear profit; while a few years ago Kubelik was receiving £100, and Josef Hofmann £60, for each recital in the States.

THE TURK AS A HOST.

Captain Mark Sykes, who recently travelled extensively in Asia Minor, was very well treated by the Turks. In a lecture at Bridlington he described how he was informed at one town by the commander of the Turkish troops that war had broken out between Turkey and England. That was evidently a version of the Egyptian boundary dispute which had reached the town. But the alarming news made no difference whatever in the treatment he received at the hands of the Turkish people. He was granted passports and escorts just as if nothing unusual was going on, and at every village at which he stopped they used to discuss the situation without the slightest ill-feeling. To say that was to make no aspersion on the loyalty of the people or the officials of the Sultan, but it was and interesting sidelight on the sacredness to the Turks of the person of a guest. An English traveller or any European traveller in Turkey was, he remarked, always looked upon in the light of a guest.

THE MEMORY OF LEM HAWKINS.

Lem Hawkins went to Washington
Upon a little pleasure bent,
He studied up what he should say
In case he met the President;
In truth a laudable intent.

He thought the talk of Mr. Bryce
Was calculated well to please,
And so "The Winning of the West"
He memorized in hours of ease
To fan the literary breeze.

The "Life of Benton" he could quote,
Long chunks of it, right off the bat ;
"The Naval War of 1812"
He also got extremely pat,
And greatly he rejoiced thereat.

The "Hunting Trips" he could recite
Like stories conned at mother's knee;
"American Ideals," too,
Familiar extracts grew to be,
A sight inspiriting to see.

But when Lem met the President
And saw that great man in the jam,
The only piece that he could spout,
Despite his memorable cram,
Was "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

MCLANDBURGH WILSON, in the "New York Sun"

THE LADIES' CORNER.

THE PICTURE COIFFURE.

Black velvet ribbon is making its appearance in several important roles this season. It is used very largely as a dress trimming, it makes its appearance on short cootees and on boleros, and now it is being brought into prominence as a decoration for the hair, writes a lady correspondent in Paris. In fair hair a twist of black velvet ribbon is supremely affective, and so is the velvet bow, which recalls those worn by the peasant women of Alsace. I have on several occasions drawn attention to the popularity of ribbons and flowers for the hair. The most charming little wreaths of roses or violets are worn in the evening coquettishly perched on the side of the head, or a length of velvet ribbon is run through the coils at the back and then tied in a loose bow at one side towards the front. We are entering upon a "picture" era, and with evening frocks the charming headdresses of olden times may be revived with certain success. Greuze arranged his hair ribbons with masterly carelessness and the Parisiennes take special delight in his genre. They are wearing dresses and sashes a la Greuze, and in the loges at the Opera one frequently sees a picturesque head which recalls the master and some of his finest works. A favourite headdress, specially for young girls, is one arranged with silver tulle and blush roses. The tulle is carelessly twisted in and out between the curls at the top of the head, and the roses are worn directly behind the left ear ; the effect is charmingly girlish and pretty.

THE GOWNS OF THE MOMENT.

Some exquisite tea gowns are just now being made of mirror velvet and venetian guipure, continues our correspondent. The Parisiennes have taken very kindly to be picturesque garment, which is so essentially English, and they vie with each other in appearing in something specially attractive and original on the "At Home" day. The elegantes of Paris are very fond of chosing home dresses which harmonize well with the surroundings in which they are worn ; they know the value of a suitable and attractive frame to a beautiful picture, and they do not hesitate to arrange their receptions to match their costumes, or vice versa. Several notable leaders of society have as many as six reception rooms, each one arranged in different style and colour. They are thus enabled to choose the most effective background for any special toiletto ! Dull green is universally admitted to be the best "general utility" background for delicate costumes and the woman who can only afford to furnish one reception room will always do well to remember the part played by dull green in a successfully arranged bouquet of flowers.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWER-MAKING.

Artificial flowers are greatly in vogue for table decorations, instead of the natural flowers that droop and hang limply on their stems when the air in the room becomes heated and heavy. The most perfect of imitation flowers are being made of a new Japanese fibre paper. These flowers are quite flawless, and it is almost impossible to distinguish them from the natural blossoms. Baskets filled with short-stemmed red roses, surrounded with violets tied in small bunches, make a lovely decoration for a dinner table, and when made of this new paper are quite inexpensive. The colour scheme may also be pink and in this case one of the new pierced silver baskets with a tall handle, filled with pink roses, encircled with a wreath of smaller roses, carelessly arranged would be extremely pretty. Camellias, violets, and carnations are also possible, and imagine a mass of yellow roses made of this wondrous paper for a table-centre decoration. This kind of flower-making is a distinct art, as the petals are all tinted by hand, and have to be put together with great care. Everything for the table may be brought to harmonize. The desire for pretty accessories has produced the newest things in table napkins for use at luncheons. Instead of being hemmed in the ordinary way, the edges are being button-holed in scallons, with a soft, white mercerized thread. The beauty of this work is that it is very simple, grows rapidly, and is made perfect by practice.

PASSENGERS BY THE S. S. KOERBER.

The following is the list of passengers proceeding to Trieste and Venice per Austrian Lloyd's s. s. "Koerber," to-day, from the Victoria Dock No. 8. The Medical inspection of the Saloon passengers will take place at the Victoria Dock No. 8, at 11 a. m. sharp. Deck passengers and Native servants must be at the Port Health Disinfecting Station, Frere Road, near Prince's Dock, with all their luggage and kit at 9 a. m. sharp :—

Miss R Appell, Lt-Col Acton, Mr Ch Barret, Mrs A Besant, Major and Mrs Berkeley, Hill, Mr Benda, Mr Bendit, Mr R W Blair, Mr F L C Cowly Brown, Mrs Calnan, Miss Calnan, Mr Castelli, Mrs A J Campbell, Mr J P Cotelingam, Mr A Dorligo, Mr Denzler, Mr R R Desai, Mr J M Doctor, Mr S A Dungaji, Mr Ellias, Mr C Fitzan, Mr H Franz, Mr C Grego, Mr P E Hatchell, Mr W Horschitz, Mrs H M R Hopkins, Mr F Heuer, Mr G H Hubbard, Mr Jehangir B Bomon Behram, Mr R E Kanga, Mr and Mrs J F Kharas, Miss Kharas, Mr L Kirchenmouth, Master Laver, Mr P Lewko, Revd Molesworth, Lt McKenna, Dr and Mrs Mix, child and infant, Mr Meirowsky, Mr G A Monks, Mrs Neville, Miss Newland, Dr Pairamal, Mr Phelan, Mr and Mrs F Read and 2 children, Miss Row, Mr C Robinson, Mr Frank Riley, Mrs E Scarpa, child and nurse, Mr and Mrs A T Scratchby, Mr Scordos, Col and Mrs J Slater, Miss C Sorabji, Miss M Sorabji, Miss Spray, Mr J Sharples, Major and Mrs E W Spedding, Mr A J Sleigh, Mr and Mrs Smith, Mr Smith, Capt Soich, Mr Trafford, Mr M Trobeit, Mr F P Taleyarkhan, Mrs M Wood, and Mr P C Young.

THE Telegraph Committee's Report is now before the Government of India. It covers more than a hundred pages of print and deals with an immense amount of administrative detail in connection with the department ; but the changes it recommends are unlikely to be made public until the report has been submitted to the Secretary of State. It will be remembered that the question of amalgamation of the Telegraph Department with the Post Office was not specially under the consideration of the Committee, but no complete recommendations for the decentralisation which has become desirable in the interests of efficiency, now that the work of the department has so largely expanded, can of course have been possible without this matter being taken into account.

THE SEASON IN INDIA.

The season and crop prospects for the week ending Saturday, 20th April 1907, give the following details :—

UNITED PROVINCES.

Rain fell thoroughout the Provinces accompanied by hail in some districts causing damage to the standing crops and to crops on threshing floors Harvesting of spring crops is nearing completion and threshing of winnowing continue. Irrigation of sugarcane and extra crops is going on and ploughing for autumn crops has begun in places. Damage from rust is reported from Aligarh. Opium weighments continue. Supplies are adequate and fodder is sufficient except in Azamgarh. Prices are stationary.

PUNJAB.

Light to heavy rain has fallen all over the Province. There are slight fluctuation in the prices of food-grains ; wheat is rising in Ambal and Sialkot and has fallen in Jullundur and Mianwali. Harvesting of spring crops is in progress; in Sialkot harvesting operations are retarded owing to the recent heavy rains. Sowings of extra spring crops as well as of cotton and sugarcane continue. The condition and prospects of the standing crops are good to average ; the outturn is expected to be good except of gram and rapeseed in Amritsar. The recent rain has been beneficial to the extra spring sowings in Mianwali. The standing crops have been slightly damaged by hail in parts of Gurgaon and Shahpur. Locusts laid eggs in tehsils Mianwali and Isakhel and heppers appeared in large numbers in the former; eggs of locusts and hoppers are being destroyed at Lyallpur. The harvested spring crops have been more or less damaged by the recent rains in several districts. The condition of cattle is good. Fodder is sufficient except in parts of Mianwali. There are no complaints regarding the water supply.

NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE.

Rain averaging from 33 cents. in Peshawar to 96 cents in Bannu fell all over the Province. The standing crops are in excellent condition but gram is withering owing to excessive rain; wheat in some places in Bannu is suffering from rust; hail fell in the Nowshera tehsil of the Peshawar District, but caused no damage. The destruction of locusts and their eggs goes on in Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan and Peshawar. Harvesting of gram on certain lands has commenced in Bannu. Sowings of extra spring crops and of sugarcane are in progress. Land is also being prepared for autumn sowings. The water-supply is ample; there has been much irrigation from hill torrents in the Daman tract in Dera Ismail Khan. Fodder is sufficient and the condition of cattle is generally good except in some villages of Mardan tehsil in Peshawar District. Prices are fluctuating. Prices :—wheat 15½ to 19 ; gram 16½ to 25 ; maize 24 15/16 to 39½ and bajra 21 to 25 seers per rupee.

RAJPUTANA.

There were showers in Bikaner, Marwar, Jaisalmer, Bundi, Jaipur, Kishengarh Alwar, Bharatpur. Dholpur, and Ajmer ; the maximum fall was 75 cents at Jaipur. Harvesting is in progress except in Bharatpur where it is retarded by rain. Cattle are in good condition except in some places in Mewar. Pasturage and fodder are sufficient. Prices are rising in Marwar, Jaisalmer, Mewar, Jhalawar, Jaipur, Karauli and Dholur, are falling in Kotah and Bharatpur ; and are steady elsewhere, they are still high in places.

CENTRAL INDIA.

Rain is general in Gawlior and slight in Bhopal and parts of Malwa and Bhopawar. Harvesting of spring crops is in progress in Bhopal Bundelkhand Baghelkhand and parts of Indore and has been finished in other Agencies. The standing crops and probable outturn are fair to good. Crops have been slightly damaged by rain in Gwalior and by hail-stones in Baghelkhand. Agricultural stock and pasturage are fair to good except in parts of Bhopawar, Indore and Rewa. Prices have risen in Jaora and Rutlam, are high in Baghelkhand, are falling in Bundelkhand and parts of Malwa, and are steady elsewhere. The collection of opium continues in Gwalior and Indore.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.

The weather is cloudy and comparatively cool ; rain fell in sixteen districts, Mandla received ¾ Chanda and Drug 1¼, Bilaspur 1¼ and Bhandara ¾ inches ; in the remaining districts light showers under half an inch were received. The spring harvest is approaching completion and threshing and winnowing are in full swing but progress is slightly retarded by recent rain. Fourth picking of cold weather, cotton in Warora tehsil (Chanda) continues. Preparation of land for autumn crops throughout the provinces and repairs to field embankments in rice districts are in progress. Fodder and water are sufficient everywhere but fodder is very dear in Nagpur and Yeotmal; prospects are generally favourable. Prices are stationary save in Chhattisgarh, Damoh and Jubbulpore districts where there is a slight tendency to rise; prices are still equal to or above the scarcity level in Wardha, Chanda, Balaghat, Drug, Bilaspur and Amraoti.

Native States.—Bastar had 3 inches of rain, Kanker and Sarangarh 2½ Kawardha, Chhuikhadan and Khairagarh 1¾ Raigarh 1¼ and Sakti 1¼ inches and Rajnandgaon 35 cents. The recent rain has hindered threshing and winnowing operations and damaged the mahua flowers and grain on threshing floors. Preparation of land for autumn crops and picking of mahua continues. Fodder and water are adequate, Prospects are generally good. The price of Kodon (millet) in Chhuikhadan fell and of rice in Sakti rose by 2 seers per rupee.

The Bombay report has appeared already. The number of relief during the week was 38,824 an increase of 2,141.

THE many friends in India of Mr. W. N. Pogson, F.R.I.B.A., and Mrs. Pogson, will be gratified to learn that their youngest daughter, Frances, who is at school at Acton, has greatly distinguished herself in drawing. She is quite a little genius with regard to purely original work and she is altogether a clever young artist. At the Exhibition of the Royal Drawing Society, opened by H. R. H. Princess Louise on the 23rd ultimo, Frances Pogson was awarded a bronze star for an original illustration, and was commended, first class, for figures from life. The subject of the drawing was 'Philippa of Hainault pleading for the six Burgesses of Paris." Both she and her sister Hilda have also made great progress in music, and were selected to play at their school Concert, when the fates unkindly intervened—with an attack of measles !

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BOOKS AND BOOKMEN.

APRIL 5 was the seventieth birthday of Mr. Swinburne, the last survivor of the great Victorian poets, and was duly celebrated by his admirers. One of them, Mr. Alfred Noyes, has gone so far as to claim that Mr. Swinburne is the last true poet whom England will possess—at least this seems the natural inference from his description of his hero as

> "the last of that immortal race
> Whose music like a robe of living light,
> Re-clothed each new-born age and made it bright
> As with the glory of love's transfiguring face,
> Reddened earth's roses, kindled the deep blue
> Of England's radiant ever-singing sea,
> Recalled the white Thalassian from the foam,
> Woke the dim stars anew,
> And triumphed in the triumph of Liberty."

This, however, is surely a pessimistic view of the possibilities of English poetry. At the moment it is true that the succession of our great poets seems to end with Mr. Swinburne. Tennyson, Browning, Swinburne—these are the three great names with which "Fames eternal bead-roll" ends at present in the matter of English poetry. We have produced some dainty filers of verse, tuneful songsters, distinguished metrical thinkers in the last generation, but none of them seems likely to be erected by posterity to a place in the first flight. Henley, Stevenson, Mr. Bridges, Mr. W. B. Yeats, Mrs. Meynell—the list might be almost indefinitely prolonged—all are good enough to take a high rank among the verse-writers of any age, but there is not one of them whom we can call a great poet without feeling that something is wanting. Almost from his first meteoric appeareance in the early sixties Mr. Swinburne has taken an unquestioned place beside Tennyson and Browning—a place that was only grudgingly allowed to such contemporary writers as Matthew Arnold, Mrs. Browning, William Morris, and the two Rossettis. With the lapse of years his hold on this place has somewhat weakened. We are doubtful at times whether Tennyson and Browning do not stand out above all their contemporaries, and whether any Victorian poet at all deserves to be ranked in the same order of incomparable artistry as Wordsworth, Shelley, and Coleridge. But there is no doubt that the author of "Atalanta in Calydon" and the "Hymn to Prosserpine" has attained a distinguished place in our literature, which would be still higher if the clarity and profundity of his thought were at all equal to the wealth of his metrical invention. He is the chief literary survivor, with Mr. Meredith, of the somewhat overrated Victorian age, and all lovers of poetry will congratulate him on having attained the allotted span of the Psalmist—hard to realise, for, like Mr. Chamberlain, we always think of Mr. Swinburne in terms of immortal youth.

COPYRIGHT AND CARLYLE.

Copyright from the author's point of view appears to be one of the things that they order better in France. Readers of Carlyle will remember the characteristic petition in which he invited the House of Commons to "forbid all Thomas Teggs and other extraneous persons, entirely unconcerned in this adventure of his, to steal from him his small winnings for a space of sixty years at shortest. After sixty years, unless your Honourable House provide otherwise, they may begin to steal." The announcement that the writings of Alfred de Musset will pass out of copyright next month in France reminds us that French copyright is enacted on a scale closely approaching that desiderated by Carlyle. It will be fifty years next May since Alfred de Musset died, worn out by George Sand and other excitements too fierce for his frail poetic body, and yet his books are still protected from the casual publisher. French law, in fact, gives copyright for fifty years after the death of an author, whereas our law only grants it for forty-two years after publication or seven years after the author's death, whichever is the longer time. Thus in the case of any book published in its author's lifetime the French writer has a clear gain of eight years' copyright at least. It cannot be said that this provision has operated to make the writings of French authors dearer than those of English, since Musset's books, for instance, have long been procurable in the usual volumes at 3f. 50c., which compares favourably with the price that would probably be put on them in this country. The advocates of an extension of copyright in the next English bill may find plenty of French instances to disprove the argument that copyright always involves dearer books. Long before Balzac's copyright expired the "Comedie Humaine" could be bought more cheaply than the works of Thackeray or Dickens can at present, and though the stories of Dumas will be copyright for another thirteen years they are within reach of the most impecunious reader.

THE MIKADO MUDDLE.

The remarkable change which has come over Japan in the last generation is curiously illustrated at the expense of Mr. W. S. Gilbert. It is announced that the "Mikado," which most of us consider the most amusing of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, is to be omitted from the series of revivals now taking place at the Savoy Theatre, and it is understood that the reason for this omission is the feeling that to stage the "Mikado" at this time of day might possibly give offence to our allies at Tokio. Twentytwo years ago, when Mr. Gilbert's entertaining fancy ran riot among the customs of far Japan, no one dreamt that this fascinating country would have taken its place among the Great Powers in the first decade of the twentieth century. There is extremely little of the true Japanese in Mr. Gilbert's libretto, any more than in Sullivan's charming music; beyond the names and the dresses, it might just as well deal with Siam or Utopia. But one can quite understand the feelings which have prompted the resolution to omit the "Mikado"; we should not ourselves be very much pleased to know that a King of England was nightly held up to ridicule on the boards of a theatre at Tokio. National susceptibility is sometimes surprisingly acute, and it will be remembered that a song in "Ruddigore" gave rise to some indignant comments in the Paris press, which had missed the point of the joke in which an English revenue cutter was made to take pity on a French 74 and refrain from attacking it! There is a well-marked distinction in these matters between the public stage and what Carlyle called "the theatre under a man's hat." Literature is rightly allowed privileges which are denied to acted drama, and we need not fear that the growth of international politeness illustrated by the omission of the "Mikado" will extend to the suppression of Loti's "Madame Chrysantheme" and Mark Twain's "Tramp Abroad" and Dickens' "Martin Chuzzlewit," not to speak of all our host of Russian Nihilist novels and the similar books in which one nation or another is held up to ridicule. It is true that they say that Daudet was nearly lynched when he ventured to revisit Provence after the production of the immortal "Tartarin de Tarascon," and it is quite possible that if a foreigner had ventured to write that amusing but deeply satirical work the fiery Meridionals might have tried to force their Government to see in it a casus belli. But as a rule we can afford to laugh even when the joke is a little against us, and we do not suppose that Japan would really be much offended by the revival of the "Mikado." It is a kindly thought which has suppressed it—at any rate in a leading London theatre but for the rest, *i.e.*, total suppression, well!

KEATS'S RELIC.

There are some interesting examples of what are called "association books"—volumes that have been in the hands of famous people—in a current bookseller's catalogue which lies before us. Perhaps the one that most collectors would prefer to own it is certainly the most expensive—is the copy of Keats's "Poems" of 1817 which that poet presented to his friend Charles Cowden Clarke, which contains a curious inscription by Mrs. Cowden Clarke, the well known compiler of the "Shakspere Concordance" and other works:—

"It will be remembered that one of the 'Epistles' in the vol. is addressed to Mr. Cowden Clarke, the last line reading:—

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'Herbert New, writting to me after 13th March, 1877, when I lost my beloved husband from earth, beautifully said:—"The two Poets may meet just as they parted, and Keats may be imagined to repeat the closing line of his episte of 1816, with only one word changed:—

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> "She is a woman: one in whom
> The Spring-time of her childish years
> Hath never lost its fresh perfume,
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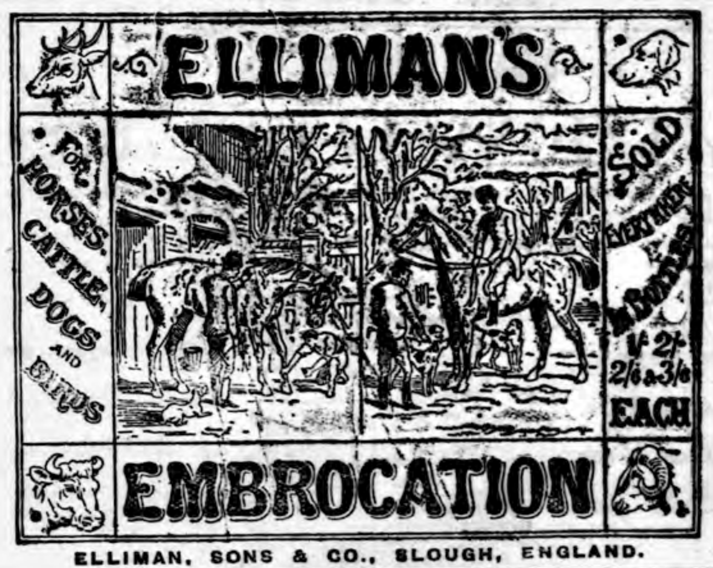
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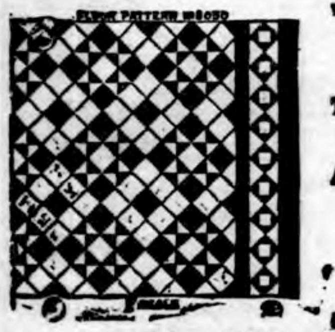

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